

city, the Russian defence min-ister, General Igor Rodionov, sald: "Circumstances will probably force me to involve myself with this problem." One government spokes man said Mr Chernomyrdin had told Gen Rodionov and through to a tiny garrison the interior minister. Anatoly holding off repeated Chechen Kulikov, that it was their job to "save people" in Grozny But the prime minister has limited influence. Unconfirmed reports vester day said Russian troops had suffered 120 dead and 400 wounded in the latest fighting in Groany, with another 50 missing. One source said only 30 of 100 agents were left alive in the local building of the federal security service (FSB). A spokesman for fede forces in Chechenia said 7,000 federal troops were surrounded. "The situation is completely out of control of the federal command. The cut-off troops are not even attempting to attack the separatists; they are limiting themselves to pes-sive defence," he said. Rebel units were fighting to prevent Russian forces breaking into the city from the two airfields which are their main bases - Severny and Khan-kala. At one point Severny seemed on the verge of being stormed, and all injured were evacuated, together with The central government building, where the journal-ists and civilians were shelan hour-long event on the Kremin's Cathedral Square to a brief civil ceremony — increased doubts about Mr Yeltsin's strength. He made a short of police and troops as rebels attacked with tanks, armoured troop carriglass of champagne. But he refused a request to attend parliament tomorrow, to pres-ent Viktor Chernomyrite for

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agreed that taking samples from all prisoners was neces-sary. DNA testing was expensive, and the crimes of most prisoners had nothing to do with sex offences. cut off by the creek, when

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rebel assaults on government buildings in the city centre. After a day of heavy fight-ing, some of it hand-to-hand, telephone talks were held to negotiate a ceasefire to enable civilians and journalists to be evacuated from basements in central Grozny, where they have been sheltering since

the battle began. Fears that Mr Yeltsin's health will prevent him serv ing a full four-year term, ush-ering in a backstage power struggle for a successor, were not allayed by the president's awkward appearance at the inauguration ceremony.

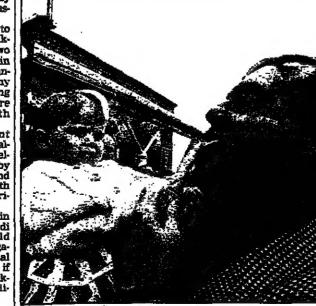
He strode sternly on to the stage in the Kremlin, in front of some 3,000 guests, and stood stiffly for 16 minutes, swearing the oath with his hand on a copy of the constitution. He spoke slowly and slurred his words as he undertook to "loyally serve the people".

The ceremony, broadcast live on Russian television, was intended to lay down a tradition for the democratic handover of power. Its last-

ent Viktor Chernomyrdin for approval as head of the new approval as head of the new federal forces stopped attack-government. He is expected to ing their positions with heli-heave Moscow soon for a copters and aircraft.



and sticking to seaside pursuits - beach cricket and sticks of rock PHOTOGRAPHS: GARRY WEASEP



Martin Wainwright on a day at the seaside

NE minute little | Who'd want to meet John Offerma Durrant was scooping a perfectly satisfactory hole in the Prescott on a beach?" he de-claimed to a knot of Barns-ley daytrippers. "Well, he Cleethorpes sand. The next, might not want to meet me, a substantial portion of but Cleethorpes certainly Labour's front bench had does." plonked itself down, com-Harsh observers might

mandeered her green plas-tic bucket and taken question the exact accuracy of this — along with the legal issue of whether free hats, balloons, postcards and even rock with "Tory charge. "Now then Emma," in-Now then similar, in structed the party's deputy leader John Prescott, find-ing himself a smaller and less well-defended version Lies" written all the way through comes a bit close to electoral 'treating' for

less well-defended version of Clare Short, judging by votes. Cleethorpian merry-makers like Emma, toddler his authoritative tone. "Here we go. Watch. Schop, Pat — that's right." Splat "There's one sand pie for you — now for No. 2." Hannah Ward and a cricket-playing pair of teachers from London It was New Labour, New

Danger, at least as far as three-year-old sand-builders on Lincolnshire's best beach were concerned. Marine Commandos couldn't have bettered the launch of the party's "fight Tory lies on the beaches" seasonal stunt, in terms of energy and daring. Tossing aside adages about performing with chil-dren (and boldly going right in front of a huge bill-

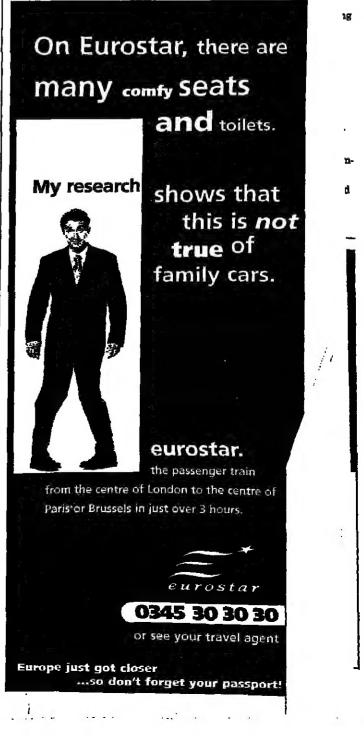
weren't given a whole lot of choice. "I was just getting my eye in," said Graham Hall from Finchley, ruefully, detect-Minchey, reently, detect-ing echoes of unruly Year Niners as Big John bor-rowed his bat. "This one's going all the way to Ths-cany." said an aide as the deputy leader, whirled the willow in a semi-circle. "Whone missed "

"Whoops, missed." The next delivery skied happily into the mudilat (home of the lug worm and board saying "Fantasy World") Mr Prescott went for the notorious Mawhin-nature information board for the notorious Mawhin-ney Challenge head on. "Mr Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, asked: to safety, but Bernard Ham-

the tide comes in." to carry Howard, the Home Secretary, Mr Prescott repeatedly not only because of his com-ing ACPO role but also bebanged home the text about Labour's tide coming in, embracing two postmen, pensioners from Chestercause Dyfed-Powys has the lowest crime rate in England field ("Ah, you have Tony Benn," he said ambivaand Wales. This was not to do with the lently) and a quip at the noisy Tonka Sightseeing Train. "Typical privatised railway," he said, as the rural nature of the area, Mr White said, but with the force's tactics in investigating all crime, rather than machine kept interrupting his comment with lond "screening out" some minor offences as other forces did. speakered chuffs and hoots, The crime detection rate in turn to page 3, column 1 Peter Keiner, page 13; Martin Kettle, page 15;

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Dyfed-Powys was 57 per cent, more than twice the national average, with 96 per cent of crimes of violence being detected.



'Squandered' jet pioneer Whittle dies, aged 89

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SIR Frank Whittle — the British pioneer whose jet engines transformed the skies of the world — has dicd aged 89 in the United States, the country which gained incalculable wealth by exploiting his invention.

Inside

Sir Frank, whose death was

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dered by government neglect had played "a major part in turbo-jet in 1930 but the Gov- last. Whittle's first turbo-jet, Britain of a 10-year lead in and lack of investment. and lack of investment. Whittle outlined the come keen them carret he spent in 1940 int first turbo-jet, Util jet aviation," he wrote. ernment made no effort to keep them secret. He spent five years seeking a backer. Whittle outlined the con-cept of the jet engine as a 22-year-old cadet at RAF Cran-well, Lincolnshire, in 1928. The Air Ministry dismissed it In 1935 two ex-RAF colleagues helped him start Power Jets, a company so short of funds it had to use reclaimed scrap metal. It tested its first jet enas impractical. The Secretary of State for Air, the Marquis of Londonderry, wrote: "We do not consider that we should be interest gine in 1937. In the late 1930s intelligence

the E28/39, flew at Cranwell in 1941. By 1944 jet fighters were in service. Whittle said they could have been used against Hitler years earlier. In a letter supporting Mrs Thatcher in the 1987 general election, he said Labour's nationalisation of his company in 1945 had halted engine desained incalculable wealth by exploiting his invention. He saw the huge lead he had given Britain by inventing which recently named a given Britain by inventing Boeing 777 after him, said he

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His plans went to the US, which used them for its entire post-war aircraft industry. Sir Peter Masefield said: We gave a good deal to the US and they ploughed money into it. But don't let's run down Britain. Here was a revolu tionary idea. Not surprisingly not everybody leapt on it."

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WEEKEND of huge loyalist and republican parades got underway last night in Northern Ireland as religious and political leaders appealed for calm.

Hopes rose that events in Londonderry will pass off peacefully when a Bogside res-idents' parade was re-routed. It had been due to converge on the Diamond, a short distance from the Fountain estate where 500 protestants live, but assembled outside the city's Guildhall instead.

The announcement by the Bogside Residents' Group fal-lowed a series of intensive meetings and talks involving the Church of Ireland Bishop of Derry, Dr James Mehaffey.

But another nationalist dem-onstration in the Bogside today will go ahead as planmed — at the same time as 10,000 loyalist Apprentice Boys

ings of the Protestant Fountain estate. "We still believe this is a way of channelling anger and emotion in a constructive

way," he said. The Bogsiders called on the Apprentice Boys involved in small feeder marches through mainly catholic villages today to re-route their parades. A statement said: "If a posi-

tive response is forthcoming to

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and nothing should be done by way of a march to put them under any particular threat."

re-routing decision by the na-tionalists had not lessened tensions in the city. During talks to try to find a settlement on the route, he march through the centre of the city, just 300 yards away. The residents' association chief negotiator Donnacha MacNiallias said they were taking into account the feel march. Now they expected the changes in routes outside Lon-donderry. 'It's just not practi-Apprentice Boys to agree to changes in routes outside Lon-donderry. "It's just not practi-

> day to mark the 25th anniversary of internment-without-trial in Northern Ireland will deliberately steer clear of Prot-estant areas of Belfast, Sinn Fein said last night. The assurance came from

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this appeal then the Bogside Residents' Group will cancel its planned rally at Free Derry Corner tomorrow afternoon." Sinn Fein's Martin McGuin-

dents' decision to re-route indi-cated the nationalist community was intent on de-fusing tension. "I would also hope that the Apprentice Boys' organisation, which to date has ignored ap-peals from isolated nationalist in Britain and Europe of cheating the system

communities, will take the courageous decision to voluntarily re-route those marches planned before and after their main parade in Derry." Dr Mehaffey said: "The wishes of the people of the Fountain must be respected

anace. They include: But Apprentice Boys gover-nor Alistair Simpson said the Housing benefit: The poten-tial for fraudulent housing

cover housing benefit fraud were introduced two years ago and the amount detected rockcal," he said. Meanwhile, a march on Sun-

the party's Belfast spokesman Pat McGeown after days of non-existent tenancies and

Secretary. Labour, launching its cam-paign, accused ministers of failing to take tough enough action to protect the public from criminals abusing The pledge came as it was announced that more than 10,000 people had called the Government's free phone ser-have died, moved abroad or government would toughen up How fraudsters

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lined plans yesterday to tackle National In-

Alan Travis looks at the ever-increasing ways

WHILE the politicians non-existent claimants. A bush-ness or family owns a number of properties and moves "tenants" in and out with such reg-ularity that tracing them besavings on welfare benefit bills, ways of defrauding the taxpayer continue to grow comes impossible

Income support: The Benefits Agency estimated for the first time in 1994 that 561,000 claimclaims was illustrated when Operation Major found that 254 people making separate claims were living in a four-bedroom house in Oxford in ants - one in 10 - were fraud-ulently being paid income support. It lost 2636 million in "confirmed fraud" and a further £773 million may have been overpaid in cases where Financial incentives to un-"there is a certainty or strong suspicion of fraud having

taken place". Organised gangs are using false National Insurance numeted to £171 million in 1994/95, but officials believe it is a small proportion of the total lost. The Government puts the bers as the key to large-scale social security fraud. Although there are only 45 million people aged over 16 living in Britain, there are 60 million National Insurance numbers. The holders of just under 9 milfigure at £900 million a year, or ngure at 1900 million a year, or 10 per cent of what is paid out. Although fraud by individ-ual claimants is widespread, it can only be sustained for a lion are now dead and the long time with the support of others have gone abroad. the landlord or his agent. The

Gangs are hacking into payroll computers to get the dates of most serious fraud involves birth of staff, addresses and

by fraudsters to collect bene-fits. Labour's social -security spokesman, Henry McLeish, called for a task force to find out the extent of the abuse and make urgent recommendations for improving security. He said £170 million could be

vice to inform on suspected whose accounts are redundant. benefit cheats, which was Many are believed to be used launched on Monday by Peter by fraudsters to collect bene- to stop fraudsters assuming receiving about 250 calls an another person's identity to apply for benefits or to obtain a number, match all existing numbers to information held by other government depart-ments, for example the Inland Revenue, to ensure claims are

valid; and run spot checks on inactive numbers to ensure they are not being abus A spokesman for the sman for the Depart-

The free phone service, dubbed "beat a cheat", has for the first time since the 1960s pushed the issue of benefit traud to the front of the politihour since the lines opened on Tuesday. Information was being passed to social security cal agenda. Already, more than 4,000 civil servants are emfraud investigating officers ployed in special DSS anti-

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around the country. "The quality of the informafraud teams trying to track down an estimated fi billion a tion has been very good. In some cases we have even been year wrongly paid out. The attack is being led by a given the National Insurance new cabinet committee under numbers of people suspected of fraud."

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Ministry of Defence: Not eas-ily accessible to the public for fraudulent purposes but has proved a black hole in White-hall in terms of public money wasted.

least £3 million he received in least £3 million he received in corrupt payments from foreign arms companies over an eight-year period. The 71-year-old former director of procurs-ment is serving a four-year sentence. The court ordered that eight of Foxley's proper-ties. It later turned out that Foxley had also been granted leval aid to fight his case. He legal aid to fight his case. He was ordered to repay the ci60.000 involved. National Audit Office inqui-

ries also reveal a more mun-dane waste of taxpayers' money. The Trident sub-marine works progamme was delivered a year late and £800 million over its original £1.1 billion budget. Eighteen months ago the NAO estab-lished that 23 MOD projects were running a total of \$545 million over budget and were at least three years late.

EU Common Agricultural Policy: Continues to be the prime target for fraudsters across the Continent.

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Peter Lilley at the launch of his beat-a-cheat phoneline on Monday PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

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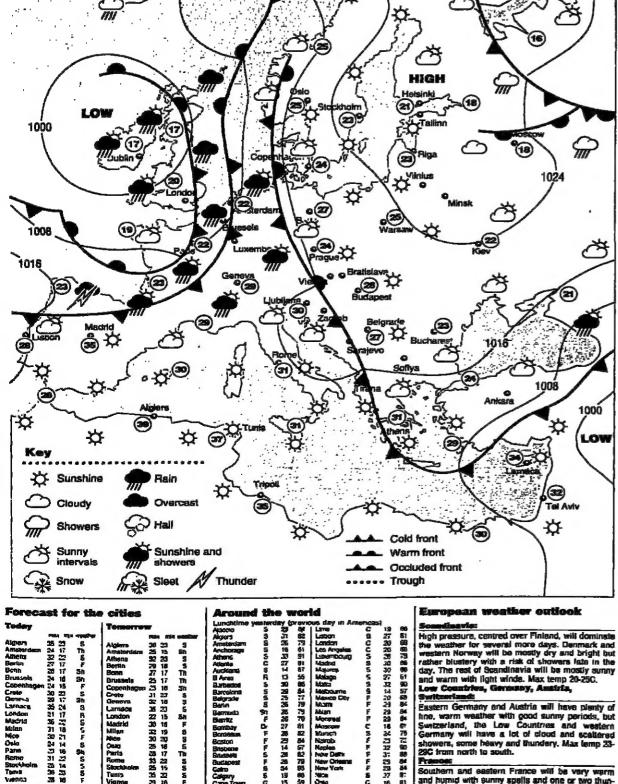
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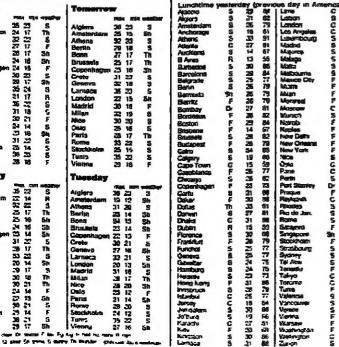


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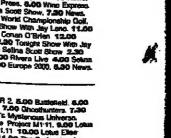
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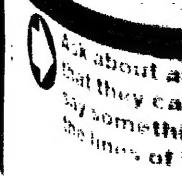
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Police and crash investigators examine the wreckage at Watford yesterday after Thursday's train crash in which a woman died and 69 people were injured PHOTOGRAPH

Driver 'passed red light'

Crash looks like a store of the two trains - and Railtrack spent yesterday eramining the carriages at the site. Tapes from the signal match - the majority travel ling from the north. Although Railtrack plans to make a statement next week yesterday denied suggestions human error'

Rebecca Smithers and Vivek Chaudhary

RIVER error was last night emerg-ing as the most likely caus Watford ly cause of the rail crash, after investigators spent the day trawling was married with one son through the wreckage of the two trains which collided on Thursday evening, killing one person and injuring 69.

ing the driver of the full pas liston and to prove a signal-ling fault was not to blame. senger train travelling north went through a red light. Last night police named the person killed as Ruth Hol-land, aged 54, books editor at the British Medical Journal. The empty passenger train was hit by the passenger train carrying 400 commuters as it Mrs Holland, from Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire,

release initial findings show

was crossing from a slow line to a fast line. Experts said more people would have died had the rolling stock not been relatively new; both trains were around 10 years old. Eleven people were being treated at Watford general hospital last night, and three Last night Railtrack said it seriously injured passengers were at Mount Vernon hospi-

monitoring equipment and the aviation-style "black on its initial conclusions, it has launched a separate in-vestigation, which will be carboxes" on the trains were being studied at Railtrack's ried out in tandem with one Signalling Control Centre, in by the Health and Safety Ex-Derby, to try to establish what happened before the colecutive and one by the British Transport Police

Yesterday Railtrack an-nounced the "independent chairman" of its inquiry would be David Maidment aged 58, its former controller

of safety policy. The police inquiry will produce a report for the coroner and determine whether any crime had been committed. Police said both train drivers had been tested for drugs and was unlikely to have even a alcohol. The results were not vet avai

son, criticised the Govern ment for not setting up a full public inquiry — as followed the Clapham disaster — and Railtrack for not pledging to that the restructuring of the railways for privatisation had compromised safety, or that publish its final report. Its decision to appoint an indepeninvestment was suffering. dent chairman to investigate "Twe always made it abso-lutely clear that whether the "will be meaningless if the findings are not to be released to anyone outside the rail inrailways are publicly or privately owned, safety must remain paramount." dustry", she said.

But Labour's transport spokeswoman. Glenda Jack-



nt, Outlook

English. They spoke very proper English and knew nothing about Johannes-burg, "he said. "They asked me to take them to a nice hotel in town." women are taken in sexual attacks.

On the way, he stopped at a traffic light and was con-The alleged hijacking comes at an unfortunate time for the fronted by five men armed police, who are tackling an with pistols, who forced him outburst of vigilante action in out of the minibus before the parliamentary capital. Cape Town, which threatens driving the vehicle away, with the passengers and their luggage. Mr Manyekane said the five men were Zulus.

to spread nationally. Earlier this week, an aleged gang leader was killed Police called out a helicop-ter, and murder and robbery in Cape Town by vigilantes calling themselves People Against Gangsterism and squads, to help in the hunt for the missing men. After a tip-Drugs (Pagad), Gangsters off, the taxi was found empty. have sworn revenge for the

with two wheels missing, in killing, and Pagad has threatan alley in Alexandra. ened further violence. Appeals were made over local radio stations for motor-Yesterday morning, a handgrenade exploded at some shops in the vicinity of the conflict, without causing inists who might have wited the hijacking.

Mr Manyekane said that shortly before the hijacking, his passengers had asked jury. Police said they did know if there was a link. Hilack bodes ill, paga 5 about crime levels in Johanin

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tions into the disaster may not be completed for several months, Railtrack is likely to London Railways --- the oper-the charity Shield football

Sulking minister boycotts his job

Derek Brown in Jerusalem on the prima donna of Israeli politics

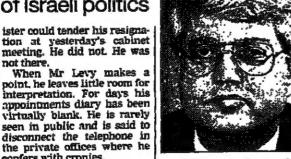
N THE discreet world of ister could tender his resigna-quict diplomacy. Israel's tion at yesterday's cabinet foreign minister. David meeting. He did not. He was Levy, has no equal. He is not not there. When Mr Levy makes a

available to ambassadors. does not attend cabinet meetings, and has taken to boycottung his own office.

Some may assume, kindly, that Mr Levy is conducting his country's diplomatic af-fairs with unparalleled disconfers with cronies. cretion. The fact is, he is not conducting them at all.

Mr Levy, aged 58, is run-ning true to form. For 20 years, the shock-haired, blunt-spoken immigrant from Morocco has diverted the Israel's diplomatic agenda s naturally dominated by the Middle East peace process, and its skein of negotiations. country with threats, sulks, and shrill charges of discrimi-So vital are these talks that they are kept firmly under nation. The strategy launched him into politics via the trade the reins of the prime minis-tor It has been that way for four years, under Yitzbak Rabin, Shimon Percs, and now, Binyamin Netanyahu, of Menachem Begin and Yit-zhak Shamir as minister and Only Mr Levy seems not to have noticed.

For a week or so, he has complained through his aides of the humiliation of his position. So great was his outrage, so deep his despair (it was hunted), that the foreign min-



David Levy . . . 'deep and mutual loathing' for the PM

ing to run in the direct elec-tion for prime minister. It worked. At the last moment. Mr Levy was enticed into an electoral pact with Li-kud, and the number two slot union system, and propelled him through the governments on the national list. The present spat over the role of the foreign ministry is his third public falling-out with Mr Netanyahu in less

deputy prime minister. He fought for the Likud than two months. It is no secret that under the perenparty leadership in 1993. los-ing to Mr Netanyahu in a bit-ter contest. Last year he stormed out of the party. forming his own Gesher



(Bridge) faction and threaten-

ses around his honour are too much. Sensitive, fragile as a ballerina, capricious as a prima donna, from Begin's days through Shamir until Ne-tanyahu, he always has the position of the insulted. "If the energy [spent] ap-peasing him in the past 20

years had been put into space research, then we would have had an embassy on Mars a long time ago."

The end of Zionism is nigh Outlook page 19

New Labour, new sandpies, as Big John fights them on the beaches

continued from page I "makes a lot of noise and

goes very slowly." The Cleethorpes shore was rather more friendly than the London Short, who hovered occasionally over Mr Prescott's banter with the media. Omitting to huy his Shadow Cabinet colleague a £1.99 personal-ised "Clare" headband, he

emphasised policy unity and ventured only: "Ill suggest to Clare that she comes to Cleethorpes for a bit of a break." Electorally the excursion will pay dividends in cheery publicity, even if the Great Seaside Voters intentions were as hard to divine as ever. Jacquie Bannard, bend-

ing Mr Prescott's ear about Grimsby's threatened Alz-heimer's centre, confessed: "I'm a true blue," but belped knot string on Labour's "Tory. Lies" bal-heap ("Apything to help the heap ("Apything to help the loon ("Anything to help the the Prom). "I can't remem centre") and also told pass-ers-by: "It's the Liberal ber who that man was," she said, two minutes after Mr Democrats who have been Prescott had roared off, "but he gave me this lovely really helpful." Back with her sand ples.

Ask about an MP or a brand of pot noodle that they can't stand, and most people will say something blandly inoffensive along the lines of "so, so" or "I don't really know".

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THE LABEL ON A BOTTLE OF JACK DANIEL'S WHISKEY is for folks who aren't too impressed by labels.

Our label has always lacked color, dating to when Jack Daniel sold whiskey in the crocks up above. You see, our founder said what went in his bottle was more important than what went on it. And we still say that at our Tennessee distillery today. If your interest lies in a truly smooth sippin' whiskey, we recommend Jack Daniel's. But if you like colorful labels, well, there's no shortage of brands to pick from.

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nial surface tension between the two men lies a genuine, deep-seated loathing. But this

tween Mr Peres and Mr Levy is that the former swallowed

his scruples (or lack of them) and worked quietly at build-ing his own role. While Mr Rabin took the strategic deci-sions, it was Mr Peres who set in train the secret talks that led to the peace accords. Subtlety on that scale ha

is hardly unpreced

raeli politics. Mr Rabin's reluctant ap-pointment of Mr Peres as his

oreign minister in 1992 came

after a generation of acid rivalry. But the difference be-

never been associated with Mr Levy. As Yoel Marcus noted in yesterday's Ha'aretz newspaper: "David Levy is an expe-rienced politician, but the cri-

BRITAIN Evangelist vents wrath on advert watchdog

Madeleine Bunting watches Morris Cerulio in action on his 'healing' Mission to London

child walks or sees for the

first time". On Mr Cerullo's last visit to Britain, an advertisement

had to be hastily withdrawn

from billboards because it misleadingly claimed that a woman had been able to have a baby after being healed. It turned out she already had

ORRIS Cerullo was unrepentant this week in London as He looked to the land where people poured into Earl's Court to hear the American or the mother of an infant televangelist and witness

promised healings. He had taken out full-page advertisements in national newspapers to say there would be healings at the Mis-sion to London, and the crowds of outstretched hands and upturned faces were confident the dapper little man would deliver. Criticism runs off Mr Cerullo like water off

three children. It was a public relations fl-asco, but Mr Carullo dis-missed it: "I did not make a the proverbial duck's back. Repeated claims of doubtful fundraising techniques, and claims that "miracles" had subsequently collapsed, are mistake; I didn't know anything about it. "But the buck stops with attributed to malicious, secu-lar media which like only bad me, sure. I'm responsible but the agency made the mistake. There's no question of my innews.

But it is the Advertising Standards Authority that Mr Cerulio now has in his sights, tegrity at stake here. "She definitely had a mir-acle. She's in the meeting because it has censured some of his past advertising today. What the agency over-looked was the circumstances of the case. I said to the agency techniques.

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"According to the ASA, we that they shouldn't report any must no longer say that God miracle that isn't bona fide and can heal sick bodies or thoroughly checked."



Morris Cerullo . . . attributes criticism of his healing claims and his fundraising techniques to malicious media

Checked by doctors? "No, I "We do not record or write doctors in this country" after a testimony of a case that we a huge scandal in which they haven't checked thoroughly. Were accused of "enormous improprieties". I unour the size of a baby in the back write doctors in this country" after a testimony of a case that we haven't checked thoroughly. Were accused of "enormous improprieties". her stomach. And in the course of praying for the sick she came running up to the platform, and it had gone. Maybe it wasn't a tumour but "If you go back to the doc-tors, they'll say you never had that particular problem in the first place, or you've gone into ramission

a swelling of some kind. into remission. "It's not my responsibility "Jesus let miracles speak to go back to the doctor with for themselves, he didn't call

her. We can't keep going to doctors in." doctors or we'd be there all At this At this point Mr Carullo cherubic, launched into the "crisis of hair and" the time.

of the case. of this age. "Just because someone is a "The prophecy that Jesus will return is about to be fuldoctor, don't take what he says for gospel. With God all things are possible. We befilled [he raises his finger for added emphasis]. It's immilieve in medical science;

nent - definitely in my we're not cranks." But Mr Cerullo is no joke. For all the cuddliness of his lifetime." The end of the age will be

marked with the battle of Archerubic, kindly face, dyed hair and tubby figure, his mageddon in Israel. "There will be sudden

HOTOGRAPH DAVID BILLITOR

message is apocalyptic doom: "Worldwide, things will get the beginning of the end now. We are approaching the end of this see redemption draweth nigh." At this point the noise from

the hall reached a climax as a Canadian preacher on stage yelled out how God had revealed to him personally prophecies hidden in the Bible for 35 centuries. God's plan for the universe was being revealed right here in Earl's Court, west London. It



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'No, we don't check miracles with doctors. They'll say you never had that problem'

Where? He pointed upward with smile: "He'll take us up

to heaven. "The only thing that gives the world its sanity now is the presence of the Church. Take

out the Church and the Holy Spirit [he snapped his fingers] and this place wouldn't be a nice place to be. All devastawill break through

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Jack Kemp likely to be vice-presidential choice

Old foe tipped as Dole running mate

Jonathan Freedland n Washington

HE Republican Party was tensed last night for the expected an-nouncement today that Bob Dole's vice-presidential running mate will be the former congressman and football star Jack Kemp. Mr Kemp was closely in

touch with the Dole team all day. Mr Dole told reporters he had made his choice, but de-clined to supply a name. Asked to rate his deputy on a scale of one to ten, he said: "Probably an eleven."

The buzz grew louder as it emerged that Mr Kemp met Mr Dole late on Wednesday night in the infamous Watergate building in Washington, where Mr Dole has a flat.

Dole strategists hope it is and he hadn't finished colour not a bad omen. It was a break-in at the Watergate that ing one of them. led to the downfall of Mr

seats.

Dole's mentor Richard Nixon. The rumours of Mr Kemp's selection startled most Republicans, who had long ago ruled him out because of a history of tense personal rela-tions tension with Mr Dole. Besides running against each other for the 1988 Republican nomination, they represent opposite wings of the party on economic doctrine.

Mr Kemp, a former housing | and immigration to plea secretary, is a Reaganite supmoderates ply-sider and a passionate ad-

ply-sider and a passionate ad-vocate of low taxation, while Mr Dole is the party's leading deficit hawk — maintaining that the budget deficit has to be slashed before taxes can be to this upper primarice to deny rights to illegal immi-to deny rights to illegal immi-to deny sights to illegal immi-Dole aides calculate that Mr cut. In this year's primaries Mr Kemp endorsed the pub-lishing millionaire Steve Democratic voters.

Forbes, even when it was clear that Mr Forbes had no chance of winning. The determined of Mr Kemp, aged 61, will add relative youth and

chance of winning. The Kemp-Dole relationvigour to his ticket - at the ship has, at times, been toxic. Mr Dole used to tell this joke same time offering a running mate with the experience to to anti-Kemp audiences:

"Here's the good news: a bus load of supply-siders went over a cliff. The bad news is, was being delayed partly be cause Mr Kemp was hesitant there were three empty wary of attaching himself to Mr Kemp responded with a an ailing candidacy. Others said Mr Kemp was grateful for a way out of the political quip that a fire in Bob Dole's house house destroyed his li-brary, burning both books -wilderness. For 13 years a

quarterback for the Buffalo Bills, "he misses the ap-Nevertheless, Republican plause", said one friend. aides insisted yesterday that the two men now enjoyed a Party officials warned that Mr Dole might still deliver a 'base-line level of comfort". surprise when he unveils his choice in his home town. Rus-

Mr Kemp would appear to be an inspired choice. He will energise the party foot-soldiers, who like his swash-Other names said to be on his final shortlist were Senabuckling style and Reaganite optimism. He is sufficiently tor Connie Mack of Florida, Senator John McCain of Ariopposed to abortion to satisfy the Christian right, but has zona and the former South Carolina governor Carroll progressive positions on race Campbell

step in as president. There was speculation last night that the announcement

sell, Kansas, today.

investigations into the activi-ties of the PDI, described by

with the younger generation. "It's a rhetoric of violence ... coming out with that is quite baffling," said Marzuki Darusman, a member of par-

idents but so far has excited little attention from Mr Suharto's military or civilian out a possible Sukarno

bosses enforcing Mr Suharto's apparent desire to snuff

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Senator watches parents' killer die

Libby Quaid in McAlester, Oklahomi

BROOKS and Leslie Douglass were chil-dren when they and their parents were shot in the back 17 years ago. They watched their mother and father bleed to death. Yesterday State Senator Brooks Douglass and his

sister, now Leslie Frizzell, witnessed the execution of one of the killers.

Mr Douglass wrote the law that allowed them and three uncles to watch through a window as Steven Keith Hatch died by lethal injection. The senator was aged 16

and his sister 12 in 1979 when Hatch and Glen Burton Ake arrived at the family home posing as lost motorists. They tied up Mr Douglass and his parents and forced his sister to lead them to cash, jewellery and credit cards. They also tried to rape her. Ake sent Hatch outside to

"listen for the sound" and start the car, then shot all four family members in the back. Richard Douglass. a minister, and his wife, Marilyn, died but the children survived. Ake was septenced to

death but won a new trial on appeal. He is serving two life terms.

Hatch, aged 42, always maintained his innocence, arguing that he should not be executed because he did not pull the trigger.

Jack Kemp, tipped as the Republican vice-presidential candidate, arrives in Orlando, Florida **Megawati questioned for seven hours**

Errors delayed warning to police of Atlanta bomb

The man, who called at

lan Katz in Atlanta

came the prime suspect. | won't go in?" But critics have suggested | Operator: " that there might have been | spelling Cent WARNING that a fewer injuries if they had A bomb was about to explode in Atlanta's Cenbeen warned earlier. tennial Park failed to reach authorities at the scene because an emergency opera-tor did not know the park's address and telephone lines to the police control centre were engaged, it has

emerged. Valuable minutes were lost as the operator called the police command centre three times, and could not uence of events tha

accordance with a protocol designed to deal with bomb warnings. However, a recently

released police transcript reveals an almost farcical

12.58am on July 27, said call the police command only: "There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have centre, the line was bad and she was told to call again. When she did get through, an unidentified official told 30 minutes." Atlanta's police chiefs her he did not have the park's address, adding: say the call was handled in

"What y'all think I am." The operator eventually obtained the address from an office at Centennial Park itself and transmitted

Nick Cumming-Brucs South-East Asia Correspondent NDONESIA'S opposition

questions relevant to her | reflexes and has lost touch | police summons. This speci-fied that she was wanted as a witness in connection with

check the festering social and is seen as a mark of strength political tensions whose role and contrasts favourably with in the rioting was clear to res- the contortions of military

The legislation allowing victims' families to watch killers die is the major achievement of Mr Doug lass's two terms in the Sen ate, where he has worked to help victims play a part in the criminal justice system.

ress ior the park, which her computer needed before it would transmit a warning to a police dispatcher. Last month's bombing police dispatcher:

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killed one woman, injured more than 100 and cast a pall over the Olympics. A Turkish cameraman who died of a heart attack as be rushed to the scene is also being treated as a homicide.

One of the most embar-rassing questions facing Atlanta officials is why the warning received 22 minutes before the blast never reached Centennial Park.

after they were alerted by

address of Centennial Park?" Dispatcher: "Girl, don't ask me to lie to you." Operator: "I tried to call ACC [the Atlanta police depariment's command cen-ire], but ain't nobody an-

swering the phone . . . But I just got this man talking about there's a bomb set to go off in 30 minutes in Centennial Park."

Authorities at the park began clearing the area Dispatcher: "Oh Lord, child. One minute, one min-Richard Jewell, the secu-rity guard who later be-minute. You put it in, and it their findings.

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a warni putri, spent nearly seven hours in Jakarta's police layed transmission by at call at 1:08:35. However, it was 1:11:10 before a police least 10 minutes. Included unit was contacted. headquarters yesterday being is the following exchange questioned about events lead between the operator and a Nine minutes later, a

Operator: "No, unless I'm spelling Centennial wrong.

How are we spelling Centennial?"

On her second attempt to

police officer radioed: "Be ing up to riots on July 27 in Operator: "You know the advised that something just Jakarta in which at least four, blew up at Olympic Park." and possibly many more. Embarrassment has also

people died. Megawati, who was told to mounted as FBI agents report for further questioning next Thursday, did not play have failed to find conclusive evidence against Mr Jewell. The bureau is up her first public appear under pressure to explain why he was named as a ance since the riots, leaving by a side door to avoid jourleading suspect. nalists and a small crowd of supporters waiting outside.

 The parents of three young victims of last month's TWA Flight 800 di-saster off Long Island have She gave no clue as to the filed a lawsuit in France seeking to force US investigators to disclose more of

thrust of police inquiries. Jakarta authorities initially seemed interes pinning responsibility on her for the so-called "free-speech forum" at the headquarters of har Indonesian Democratic

Party (PDI), stormed by police early on July 27, which ig-in more than 20 years. Megawati, however, had in-sisted she would only answer

nist group responsible for the rioting and for plotting to overthrow President Suharto's 31-year-old New Order. Lawyers have reported students emerging with bruised of collision. faces from police questioning in the central city of Jogia-karta, showing the enthusiasm with which Indonesian authorities are pursuing this line of investigation — to the

dismay of sceptical local and foreign analysts. A Jakarta businessman, looking up at the blackened shell of a bank burnt in the riots, said: "I saw it myself. It was done by young children. There were no hardcore

people, just ordinary people. It came from their hearts." Two weeks on, a fragile calm has returned to Jakarta,

News in brief

Megawati left the police headquarters by a side exit

the National Human Rights Commission. "It creates a perception of escalating mea harness the pressures for change is equally uncertain. sures from both sides and pretty soon you expect a kind

It also raises doubts about the regime's ability to keep in

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rallying point for the young and disaffected. But Megawati taps the deep well of popular disaffection almost by default: she employs none of her father's several hundred lawsuits against everyone from generals and government ministers to rival PDI leader Suryardi

and his supporters, who backed the military plan to oust her. This minimalist style of

leadership works well in the office, but does not encourage political culture of Indonesia's Javanese majority where a cool, unrufiled style

Whether Megawati Sukan Yet local analysts doubt she noputri, the daughter of Indohas done enough to woo the iesia's first president, can Indonesian elite who largely shape political developments. Megawati barself has denied The 49-year-old exploits the any intention of working outpowerful magic of the Su-karno name and, as the riots side the existing three-party

system Mr Suharto created. This stance leaves her vulemonstrated, has become a nerable if, as seems probable she is not nominated to stand for parliament when the list of candidates for next year's parliamentary election closes in mid-September. Megawati agenda of reform. Her chal-lenge is largely focused on zuki concluded, but "politi cally I think it's a gradual process of her being shunted aside".

That might allow Mr Suharto a more tranquil run-up to the 1998 presidential elec-tion, when he is expected to try for a seventh term in

power when he l surrenders it.

hopes of a smooth transfer of

Somali chief Awol from US Marines **Rwanda** joins blockade to

leave Burundi Christopher Reed in Los Angeles totally cut off

Chris McGreal In Bujumbura

BURUNDI'S new military-led government has de-nounced sanctions against suburb, has given up waiting for the return of Awol corpo-ral Mohammed Aideed. He is, the country as a crime against humanity after Rwanda yesterday joined a regional blockade by closing the troops assume, busy seek ing power in Somalia. Mr Aideed, aged 34, has returned home to take over from his warlord father, the its borders and cutting air

late General Farah Aideed, who died in factional fighting links. After days of vaciliating, Rwanda became the last country in the region to enlast week. In 1993, Gen Aideed's troops force sanctions, plugging the only remaining exit route from Burundi by land, water

or air. Yesterday foreigners and wealthy Burundians who had scrambled for seats on the last flights out of the country were left stranded when Air France and the Belgian air-

line, Sabena, cancelled their Iran 'mad' services, leaving no means of escape. African leaders announced

the sanctions two weeks ago after Burundi's former military leader, Pierre Buyova again seized power. A regional summit demanded the restoration of constitutional rule and unconditional talks between Burundi's Tutsi-dominated establish-

ment and Hutu rebels. The leader of the Hutu rebels, Leonard Nyangoma yesterday welcomed the Sanctions. In a statement he called on

people to disobey the new rulers and said he expected sanctions to force the government into negotiations.

withdraw from Somalia and thwarting the United Nations' attempts to restore order. At the time, Aldeed Jnr was HE FIRST battalion of the 14th US Marines Reserve stationed in Pico a clerk, paid \$9 an hour, in the engineering department of West Covina, a Los Angeles suburb. He updated water HE FIRST battalion of Reserve stationed in Pico Rivera, a poor Los Angeles

maps, compiled traffic statistics, and input data on In the evening, he studied civil engineering at a nearby

polytechnic, and at weekends he reported to the Marine corps reserve. He had joined the corps in 1987, doing a fortnight's stint at a camp in Oklahoma in In 1993, Gen Aideed's troops July last year. But a few killed 18 American soldiers, weeks ago, despite orders, he causing the United States to failed to attend again.

"We're not expecting him | ated from Covina high school but he is still a registered in 1981, but he was not active reservist." a spokeswoman in sports or the social scene said

Mr Aldeed, in an interview in Somalia, said he was proud of his American military experience. "Once a marine al-ways & marine," he is reported to have said. How-ever, he did not mention that he was absent without leave. He came to the US as a teen-ager with his mother Asli Dhubat, the general's first wife. The couple had six chil-

dren. The general fathered four more with a second wife who, according to Canadian newspapers, lived on welfare in Toronto.

in sports or the social scene and did not appear in the stu-dents' year books. Gen Aideed — the name

means "He who will not be insulted" -- paid in cash for a \$196.000 house for Mrs Dhubat Aideed in another LA sub-urb in 1988. She is thought to be still living there, but repor-ters who called at the house were turned away.

The Aideeds are not the only high-ranking Somalians to have lived hundrum lives in the US. The general's for-eign minister. Mohammed Hassan Awale, spent three Vears as a test determined n Toronto. The young Aldeed gradu- Washington DC.

tary ruler, Captain Yahya Jammeh, the mandate to hold Sanctions on **Bouncing back** KPL reported. - AP. elections in which he is ex-Seven mountain gorillas have **Island** glory been born in Rwanda, a good sign that one of Africa's most A senior Iranian cleric told date .- Reuter. Thanks to its tiny population, the United States yesterday that its law penalising firms endangered species is recov-ering, the International Go-rilla Conservation Pro-Mairaux honoured The ashes of the writer André investing in Iran and Libya was "absolutely insane" and would harm Washington and Malraux, General de Gaulle's gramme said - AP. long serving culture minister its allies. Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati said in a sermon broadcast by are to be buried in the Paris Panthéon, the last resting **Rare tomb** Archaeologists have found place of France's illustrious the undisturbed tomb of a dead, the Official Journal an-Iranian radio: "I do not think Scythian military commandthat throughout the history of America there has been a nounced yesterday. - Reuter. **Fellow feeling** er containing 1,000 gold and Sole searching silver decorations and Yasser Arafat's wife Soha has president who has surrenweapons in Ukraine. — AP. dered himself to the Zionists central The Romanian state shoe facso blindly and unconditiontory in Cluj has closed for the **Rare beast** weekend for disinfection following a strike in support **Gambia backs poll** Villagers in eastern Laos of compensation for 40 workhave caught a sao la, a rare Gambian voters have given a ers who contracted scables mammal similar to an ante-

lope, whose existence was discovered only four years ago,

the Laotian state news agency

Tonga's single silver medal at the centennial Olympics — in boxing - put it top of the table with 9.4 medals per milion people. The US score of 0.4 put it 40th, according to Kevin Pollard of the Popula-tion Reference Bureau. — AP.

advised the Israeli prime minister's wife Sarah Netanyahu to ignore those who criticised her for sacking the nanny who burned the soup. "I also argue with my housekeeper daily paper Yediot Ah-

70 per cent backing to a new from sheepskin imported constitution giving its mili- from China. - AP.

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The Guardian Saturday August 10 1996



The Spanish Civil Guard and Red Cross workers carry the body of a victim of the flood at Las Nieves campsite. At least 76 people were killed

PHOTOGRAPH: J. J. GUILLER

Looters prey on those who stayed put, as Croats arrive to create an ethnically homogeneous state **Krajina Serbs live on hope and scraps**

Julian Borger in Polaca, Krajina

tainly never come.

from Bosnia and the Kosovo region of Yugoslavia who are LONE among the being transported in to build crumbling remains an ethnically homogeneous of her deserted vil state, more in keeping with age, Marija Radinothe times.

They are being squeezed out by thousands of ethnic Croats

vic is steadily losing her sense of time. The rest of Po-Like some endangered species, the last Krajina Serbs laca's 2,000 inhabitants fled to are dying off. They have no Serbia a year ago, but to her it family support network, and the bureaucratic and threadseems like last week. She ezpects her family back any bare Croatian social welfare day, but they will almost cersystem is hardly a substitute. To secure a pension, elderly

Mrs Radinovic is also un-Serbs have to travel 50 miles sure whether it was last week to the port city of Zadar, usuor last month when the last ally more than once, to exchange their Yugoslav docugang of Croat looters drove up to pick over Polaca's remains. mentation for new Croatian papers. Most cannot afford But she knows they left with the journey, even if

Giuseppe Renda, an Inter-national Red Cross worker, who comes to see her each week, said: "Many of these old people survived the wintold Mr Renda.

ter on the hope their families would come back in the

spring. But the people are not coming back, and I think when they realise that, they won't have the strength to make it.' Mr Renda has tried to per-

suade Mrs Radinovic to enter an old people's home in Knin, the nearest town, but Marija believes fervently that her daughter and son-in-law in



Belgrade will come back. Serb villages in the Kistanje | tegration and federation in "They're not far away. They area, west of Knin. They say the Balkans, the wheels of might be here tomorrow," she | 1,800 Kosovo Catholics are ex-

But her daughter has informed the Red Cross she has no plans to come back.

Her husband, as a man of military age, would almost certainly be killed. Only women and the elderly are

ast would-be returned

In May and June, at least two Serbs were killed and a

An estimated 30,000 of the Krajina Serbs who fled the "Storm" offensive last year now want to return to their homes in Croatia. The Croatian government has said officially they are welcome but

it has put a forest of bureaucracy in their way and has done little to curb attacks

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pected by the end of the year. turning faster in peacetime than they did during most of the conflict. This time round, When they arrive, they will be completing a circle begun 400 years ago, when their anthe casualties succumb cestors left for Kosovo from quietly and unseen, in overwhat is now the Croatian port grown, empty villages. of Dubrovnik. All sides in Bosnia are manipulating voters ahead of the

These ethnic Croats are being pushed out of Kosovo September 14 elections, Ed by new Serb arrivals, many of Van Thijn, the Dutch diplowhom are refugees from Kra-jina, sent by Belgrade to farm and dilute the Albanian mamat overseeing the interna-tional monitoring of the vote said yesterday. jority in the region.

Election laws permit voters The Kistanje district is run to register either where they lived in 1991, where they live now or where they would like by Petar Pasic, a Serb loyal to the Croatian government. He sees no alternative to the to live. relentless process of ethnic

Mr Van Thijn said Bosnian

WORLD NEWS 7³ 7 **Questions start** over Pyrenees camp tragedy

A young man in his twenties sat staring ahead in

silence, wild-eyed with in-comprehension and grief.

'His mother and his father,'

said a Red Cross worker, his

own eyes moist. "How can

this happen when you are on

waiting. But yesterday the talk was no longer about sur-

ivors, though rescue workers kept digging. Most of the 657 cumpers reg-he istered at the site have now 1-been accounted for - though

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In the bustle at the rink at David Harrison in Jaca and Jaca, it was not difficult to pick out the relatives of vic-Julia Hayley in Madrid

tims. They were the ones with HE REGION of Aragon red-rimmed eyes and a frightdeclared three days ened stare. mourning yesterday for As a bag was opened and a II the holidaymakers at a Pyrename put to a muddy and often disfigured face, the nees campsite who were

swept to their deaths by flash tears would run down d floods on Wednesday. creased, crushed faces. "No. With the death toil standing at 76 so far, the debate was frantic woman in her forties. concentrating on how the di-She stumbled and was helped al ster at Las Nieves could to a chair by at least five n people.

have been prevented. The meteorological office had warned of heavy storms due in the area. A children's summer camp 12 miles away from Las Nieves had been evacuated as a precaution, it emerged, but Las Nieves and sites nearby were not. Both the meteorological holiday office and the civil protection department were adamant that this type of storm was highly localised. "These storms are very difficult to pinpoint exactly. It could rain very hard 10km away, and where you are nothing falls at

all," said Juan Son Nicolas Santamaria, the civil protection director. The camp was built 12 years ago in a fold of the Pyrenees beside the Gallego river where

to a muddy and it is joined by the smaller Aras, which runs from the often disfigured nountains behind the site. face, tears would The flow of the Aras is con rolled by man-made barriers. run down creased. Experts have suggested that

trees and rocks which were crushed faces washed down by the rain might have built up behind a barrier, creating a temporary dam until the whole structure an official noted it was difficult to know how many others might have been in the

gave way, unleashing the flood on campers below. area when the storm hit. "The campsite had an excel Unofficial estimates said 20 lent reputation and no one had questioned its set-up." people could still be missing. About 40 were still in hospisaid Santiago Lanzuela, gov tal. All of the identified vicernor of the Aragon region. tims were Spaniards except Francisco Ayala, a director for two. a French girl and a of the Technical and Geo-min Dutch man, the national civil ing institute, was less sure. He told the Spanish news protection department said. The British embassy said it agency Efe: "A campsite like had located 14 British holi-Las Nieves on the flood plain of a potentially torrential daymakers who had been at the site. They had only minor river ... is the chronicle of a injuries. catastrophe foretold."

Roy Ward, a statistics lec-turer at Sheffield Hallam Uni-At Jaca, a Pyrenees resort town near Biescas, 90 miles east of Pampiona, the bodies of the dead — dug out of the versity, yesterday revisited the site. He and his wife Ann, a catering assistant, and their two children - Oliver, 9, and mud and marshes — were ar riving in white plastic bags Rhea. 6 — were in their carathroughout the day. They van when the torrent swept it

were carried down steep stone steps to the local ice rink for identification. "My son shouted, 'We're go-ing to die' and I said, 'No In half an hour three bodies we're not son'. But watching were found 1,000 yards from the news today, some kids the Las Nieves campsite. At have. Mine haven't, so I am a long time ago — in peace." tory under their rule to For all the — largely West-ern-sponsored — talk of rein-cession from Bosnia. least two more were found near the dam in Sabihanigo, 9 miles away. came to a halt when it

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her last dozen cilickens. Sibce then, she has lived off fruit from the trees growing in un-tended orchards in the dry. rocky valley.

There are only about 10,000 Serbs left in Croatia's Krajina region. Like Mrs Radinovic, they are elderly people, who were too weak, or too emo-tionally ned to their land, to leave when the bulk of the Krajina Serbs — 200,000 people — fied from a Croatian government offensive a year ago this week. Hundreds more were killed in the random savagery which followed sentence. the offensive.

The lonely remainder surviving in ones, twos or threes in abandoned haulets - have become a statistical anomaly in the ruthless arithmetic of ethnic engineering. winter - her 83rd.

strong enough. Their only visitors are oc-casional relief workers and, CROATIA more often, looters. These are mostly newly arrived Croats who pilfer livestock, farm im-Korenica plements, and food reserves. A gang recently moved through the nearby village of Orlic, ransacking Serb houses for prsid - smoked hams which take a year to prepare, and which are the main form

of peasant savings. There have been few recent cases of outright murder but the robberies can amount to a death Mrs Radinovic has stacked firewood around her stone house, but she has no food reserves and it will be a mir-acle if she survives another

Scientists claim genes hold

answer to Aids immunity



after their owners started making repairs. The Croatian government is preparing to import Catholics of Croat descent from Kosovo to fill Serb houses, making it virtually impossible for their owners to return. Workers for the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) in Knin say a delegation came from Kosovo last month to inspect descried

Chinese port

The Chinese authorities have

in peril

nies. - Reuter.

Heavy hand

The Argentine government has attracted widespread crit-

icism for its heavy-handed response to a 24-hour general

strike on Thursday in which police kicked over cauldrons

of food to prevent soup kitch

enisation now under Serb authorities had way: "It could have been done sured Serbs to vote in terri-



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World news in brief Sinners seek

absolution from on-line confessional

lan Treynor

Sinners' blushes be Spared. After the drivein church and the telly evangelist, Roman Catholics less than enger to come clean with their parish priest can now confess their transgressions to their home computer, tally up their misdemeanours using a points system, collect their penance, and wander off to say their Hail

Marys, All for £34. Thanks to Cologne's Roman Catbolic Lazarus Society, Online with Jesus — a new CD-Rom. each one of which, the society in-sists, has been blessed by a priest — enables Catholics

an instant confessional. A menu of some 200 of fences appears and sinners can click away their guilty consciences.

dom (22 points against three), while marital infidelity costs 10 points.

Having completed your confession. the computer adds up the bill and doles out penance. Murder costs 50 Our Fathers and 50 Hail Marys. The jury is still out on whether the trans-

gressor is then absolved. "This does not conform to the Catholic understanding of confession," a spokeswoman for the German **Conference** of Bishops said vesterday.

ESEARCHERS claim they have discovered why some people never contract the HIV virus al-though they have sex repeat-edly with infected partners. though they have sex repeat-edly with infected partners, writes Ian Kotz in New York. focused on a protein found on Two separate teams say they have identified a genetic cells of the immune system which serves as a "molecular doorway" for the HIV virus. mutation — present in about 1 per cent of caucasions and Every person has two copies of the gene required to produce the CKR-5 proteins. Only people with two mutant genes appeared to be immune in even lower proportions, if at all, in other racial groups - which appears to give some people protection against the to the disease, but researchers believe that one

virus. The discovery raises the possibility that the effect of the mutation could be copied mutant gene may afford some resistance.

Caymans buy ship to sink it

Lustful glances are penal-ised more than seven times with government troops near with government troops near with government troops near the rebel-held northern town

of Kilinochchi. The ship attack followed a skirmish between the Sri sian destroyer.

Lankan navy and guerrilla Sea Tiger boats late on Thursday off the north-eastern port of Mullaitivu. A military statement said a rebel bont was destroyed, killing about 30 Sea Tigers. In a separate incident in the partheast Tamii rebels at.

in a separate incloant in the northeast. Tamil rebels at-tacked an army patrol north of the naval base of Trincomaof the naval base of frincoma-lee on Friday, killing eight soldners, according to mili-tary officials. – Reuter,

ens being set up. attacked crowds with truncheons and water cannons, and briefly ar-rested more than 50 trades unionists. — Agencies. Kings to meet King Hussein of Jordan will visit Saudi Arabia tomorrow to discuss Middle East peace efforts and find ways to boost bilateral ties, officials inb

Family massacre

A Greek law student confessed yesterday to murdering his parents, grandmother, sister and uncle and dismembering

them with a chainsaw. Police said the 24-year-old was men-tally disturbed. - Reuter.

Taipei liaison

Russia, which does not offimonth where it will be sank in 110ft of water. The Cayman Islands are Taipei in October. the Taiwan world-renowned as a top foreign ministry said. Talwan opened an office in Russia three years ago. --- Reuter.

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Tamil rebels hit cargo ship

A SANDY spot on the bot-tom of the Caribbean Sea will be the final resting place of a Russian cold war

The tourism minister Thomas Jefferson, said that about £185,000 was paid for the 330ft ship, which was built in 1983 at a cost of

about £20 million. . It will be towed to Cay-man Brac island later this

destination for scuba divers. -- Reuter.

relic which tourism offi-cials hope will act as a magnet for scuba divers. Amman said. - Reuter. The Cayman government has confirmed that it has bought an abandoned Rus-

8 SPORTS NEWS

Racing

Nash House ready to rebuild his reputation

Ron Cox

ASH HOUSE. one-time favourite for the Derby, gets the chance to put his career back on the rails at Haydock Park today in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes, an intriguing Group Three con-test run over an extended

test run over an extended mile and a quarter. Making excuses for beaten horses can prove costly, but unless trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam is well wide of the mark, we can safely ignore Nash House's defeat in the Date Steken at York back in Dante Stakes at York back in

good prospects of taking his revenge on Glory Of Dancer, who has to allow 71b for his May. On the strength of an effort-less debut win at Newbury, backed up by some smart bome work-outs, Nash House was widely expected to boost his well-touted Derby claims

day with a double on Ultra

Hulm in the South Durham Maiden Stakes he had for-

mer Italian champion Fer-

nando Jovine a length behind on Robamaset with Jason Weaver, bidding for

his 100th winner of the sea-

son, trailing in third on newcomer Mighty Keen.

Jovine, 28, has ridden 1,400 winners in his home country and returns there

When Carter scored on

Boy and Hulm.

LOS La Fille De Cirqu

Redcar double for Carter

1993 and leading this year's title race with 87 winners, liked what he saw on his brief visit to Britain and said he will return.

Weaver made it 99 by tak-

by winning the traditional time. Fourth behind Shaamit York trial. Finising fourth behind back in eighth, Paul Finishing fourth behind Glory Of Dancer was no dis-grace, but it appeared Nash House was another "talking horse" until he was found to be seriousche distanced on

Kelleway's ex-Italian colt was beaten a short-head by Grape Tree Road in the Group One Tree Road in the Group One Grand Prix de Paris last time. Ten furlongs is his best dis-tance and, with Pat Eddary likely to hold him up for a late run, Glory Of Dancer should be suited by the anticipated strong gallop likely to be set by Key To My Heart. Ela-Aristokrati, although never a factor in the Eclipse be seriously distressed on returning to Manton. A viral infection knocked Nash House for six and he has

been given plenty of time to recover. Chapple-Hyam is confident he has the colt in shape to do himself justice today, though he expects him to be better for the run. Assuming he was operating never a factor in the Eclipse Stakes, stayed on to finish

Assuming he was operating fourth behind Halling, beaten below maximum power in the Dante, Nash House must have around seven lengths, and is preferred to Tamayaz of the older horses. But Nash House (3.15) can

give the Classic generation a much-needed shot in the arm and show that Chapple-Hyam's confidence was not

bookmakers regularly spon-sor sprint handicaps need only examine today's Coral Handicap. With 21 runners, the possibilities appear There is no Coastal Bluff to warm to here, but backers of Youdontsay (3.50) may not

Anyone left wondering why

be far off target. The mount of Pat Eddery, this filly has had only three outings for Epsom trainer Joe Naughton, who has his horses in tremendous form, and she may still be improving judging by her storming run to win under a big weight at Goodwood last week. She looks ready for this step up in

Mountgate (4.10), who has a good record at Newmarket, should go well in the New Zealand Handicap, feature race at the July Course today. Cigar is 5-1 on to gain his 17th consecutive win and set a modern American record at Del Mar. California, tonight when he will be opposed by only five rivals in the Grade

Ocean Ridge, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, and Mick Channon's Muchea are England's two challengers for

> complete his century on Mount Row at Haydock in Patrick Haslam, the Middleham trainer, had a day to remember, supple-ground. keeping the prize at home ap-pears to be Kevin Prender-

One Pacific Classic. tomorrow's Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown.

twosome with Ultra Boy. Alabang, 5-4 favourite for the Pat Phoenix Handicap, Chapple-Hyam, successful three years ago with Turtle Island, has chosen Ocean was routine dope-tested after dropping away tamely Ridge in preference to Car-mine Lake, who won the Mo-lecomb Stakes at Goodwood ing the opening Stainton-dale Selling Stakes on Per-ilous Plight, and went on to dained. The stewards held Ireland's main hope of

gast's Verglas, winner of the Coventry Stakes at Royal

Winning start . . . Gary Carter initiates a Redcar double yesterday on Ultra Boy

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FOUR-TEST series be tween New Zealand and South Africa is something to quicken the blood of the rugby enthu-siast, though the Springbok manager Morne du Plessis may have been slightly car-ried away by the mounting anticipation here this weak when he said: "This is the stuff legends are made of." He added: "Winning the World Cup was great but this

ises to be slow and heavy. Given the way the Spring-boks, with their banana-shaped defensive formation, were able to shut down the All Blacks and play the game at their own pace in Christ-church recently, the pressure will be on New Zealand to maintain possession and keep the ball in play. "Our weaknesses in the last is back to the real thing. There is no greater challenge than a four-Test series against the All Blacks; it is simply part of our history." The Southern Hemispere's two Tests have been our ball retention and the fact we

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inaugural Tri-Nations series, of which today's Test is the final match, has already been consigned to history. Having added that trophy to their long list of exploits. Sean Fitz-patrick's 1996 All Blacks are about to attempt something no New Zealand team has achieved: a series victory in South Africa.

Since competition between the two teams started 75 years ago the New Zealanders have never won a series here. In-deed South Africa remain the only side that can boast a credit balance against the All Blacks: they have won 21 and New Zealand 19, with three Grawn.

"Of course it's a challenge," Fitzpatrick said. "It is the chalenge, and the dream of any New Zealand kid to come here and beat the Springboks." With South Africa having

lost their full-back Andre Joubert and prop Balie Swart through injury, the odds would appear to favour New Zealand for today's match. The All Blacks, despite the absence of Jonah Lomu with a slight knee cartilage tear, still have more pace, flair and at-

tacking options than any other team in world rugby. The elusive Glen Osborne comes in for Lomu on the left wing and, though the 44kg (6st 4lb) difference in weight

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Hart. "We have huge respect for the South African side, their aggression and defence, and that has certainly been the main focus for our preparation in this match." François Plenaar and his team appear buoyant and pos-itive despite their two defeats in the Tri-Nations. "Most people realise we were un-lucky not to win both those games," said the Springbok

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The major problem for New Zealand at Newlands today

may well be the conditions. After a week of fine weather rain lashed the city all day yesterday and the pitch prom-ises to be slow and heavy.

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captain. A game against New Zealand should bring out the best in his side. "There's a real spark in the guys," said Pienaar. "I could see it in training and I'm sure you'll see it in

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• Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive and a key figure in English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, is to meet SARFU's president Louis Luyt today to discuss how their organisations might profit from new joint initiatives. may be a relief for the Spring-



SPORTS NEWS 9 Motor Racing Williams work on

Hill starts

garoring impressed many ob-servers, is 21 points behind Alan Henry in Budapest Hill with 50 still to fight for over the five remaining races FTER poor starts from pole position at Silverstone and Hockenheim, Damon Hill has had to brush up his technique before taking on of the season. Although the odds are clearly stacked against him, the young Cana-dian has vowed to keep the technique before taking on the grand prix circuit that is pressure on his senior team-mate right through to the end the most unforgiving of poor starts. Any such error here is likely to prove irretrievable. "Yes, it has been more diffiof the year. Schumacher's car has failed to complete three of the past four races through one fault or another but the Fer-"Tes, it has been more dun-cult to get the car off the line," said Hill. "The characteristics of the three-litre engines are different from the old 3.5-litre raris look like the biggest threat to Williams this time. Schumacher finished only 0.022sec behind Hill and his engines; they don't have so much torque. It's an area we're working on." Having won here in 1993 and 1995, Hill knows better than most that overtaking at the Hungarouring one of the team-mate Eddie Irvine emerged from the first session with fourth fastest time. "The car is handling better than i expected," said Schu-macher. "I am more or less on the Hungaroring, one of the tightest and ugliest circuits on the Formula One schedule, the same performance level as the Williams but it is imis almost totally dependent on portant to underline that I did fewer laps than them and so iny tyres were slightly better when I set my quick time." Fifth and sixth fastest times a mistake by the driver in front. In 1990 Thierry Boutsen won the race for Williams by less than a length ahead of Ayrton Senna's McLaren by went to the Benetton-Renaults of Gerhard Berger the simple virtue of keeping cool. The fact that Senna was and Jean Alesi and Johnny Herbert finished the day smilquicker than the Belgian could not help him once he pulled up on to the tail of the ing after the latest specifica-tion Ford V10 engine enabled him to set eighth fastest time in his Sauber C15. Farther back Martin Brun-Williams. Hill completed the first free dle's Jordan wound up 11th practice session yesterday with fastest time ahead of with David Coulthard's McLaren 14th, performances Michael Schumacher's Fer-rari and his team-mate Jacthat served to underline just

what a lottery Friday practice ques Villeneuve's Williamscan turn out to be. Renault, each of whom could Tomorrow's race will be the rove impossible to pass. "I'm quite surprised to be as quick as we were," he said. "We started off with a good last Hungarian Grand Prix for the foresceable future. Next year the race is being replaced by a fixture on the [chassis] set-up, we made heavily revamped A1 Ring some good changes and we have a lot of things we can circuit, an emociated and truncated revision of the epic think about overnight. Oesterreichring where Nel-"There is certainly a small feel-good factor about this cir-

son Piquet set a pole lap of 159.457mph at the last For-mula One Austrian Grand cuit for me. It's a circuit I feel done a very good job to get so close on the first day. He is certainly raring to go." Prix held there back in 1987. Judging by the motorcycle grand prix there last weekend, the Al Ring will be little Villeneuve, whose speed on quicker than Hungaroring,

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Overfed fans shun Christie's Palace farewell as Atlanta achievers flock to the Riviera

Arms Park on September 1 play Pontypridd in Cardiff in a Welsh rugby union equivalent of soccer's Char-RFU officials this week-CRYSTAL PALACE and for the traditional welcome calls at Gatesbead and Shefford before bowing out. end could not better encapsu-late contrasting post-Olympic medals is only sharing the medallists — Roger Black, naturalised Danish and have the consolation of one of medal winner in Atlanta. end could not better encapsu-late contrasting post-Olympic moods. Linford Christie's blame with the overkill of too Jonathan Edwards, Steve final appearance at the south many meetings "There is no Rechter Christie's Course end will study the other three home unions' deity Shield. Neath are the principality's league champions. Pontypridd the cup mands over the Five would not run for his native | the £35,000 prizes on offer for Backley, Steve Smith and Denise Lewis — are compet-ing, with Black racing his 4x 400m relay silver medal colleagues Iwan Thomas, Ja-Kenya, is planning to break Sebastian Coe's 800 metres refinal appearance at the south many meetings. There is no London track tomorrow will doubt we shall be reducing the Nations crisis after finally winners. The new contest, called receiving a fax yesterday in the Welsh Champions Cup response to England's lat-challenge match, will est proposals. England are replace the Anglo-Welsh expected to state their posi-games cancelled earlier tion early next week, al-this month. he before rows of empty seats whereas Olympic champions number next year," said Tony Ward, the British Athletic Fed-Kipketer ran the fastest 800m for 11 years in nearby galore have gathered on the eration spokesman. French Riviera. Half the 17,000 tickets at the Olympics and Christie ardson over 300m. Crystal Palace remain unsold still faces two more curtain The star in Monte Carlo Neath had been due to yet another meeting. Lingfield tonight 7.10 Causian Merry leisy: Turi, Good to Sing AW, Standard. + Decotes bilakers. New: Kish matchers best to to 75. 5.40 Avenues Powe 7,40 Miluriz 6.10 Signs And Wonders

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 Limosa gave trainer Lydia Richards her first winner with her first runner from her new yard at Funtingdon, West Sussex, when landing the Hove Novice Hurdle at Plumpton yesterday. Ridden by her husband Mark, the mare, a 7-2 shot, led approaching the final hurdle to beat Canary Falcon by four lengths.

• Blinkered for the first time — AYR: 2.35 Detachment. HAYDOCK: 3.50 Shanghai Girl. LINGFIELD: 7.40 May Queen Megan. MARKET RASEN: 6.20 Gavaskar. NEWMARKET: 3.35 Fernanda. WORCESTER: 6.00 Betabetcorbett; 6.30 Winter Belle; 7.00 Faustino.

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David Lacey warns against early portents from tomorrow's scene-shifter at Wembley as Newcastle set out to ease last season's painful memories at Manchester United's hands

Keegan renews faith and kicks off in hope

OOTBALL is back. It never really went away. The players just stopped playing for a week or two. It becomes increasingly difficult to mark the point at which one to mark the point at which one season ends and the next be-gins. The FA Charity Shield used to be the English game's annual scene-setter. Now it is more of a scene-shifter, a minder that the latest interlude between league pronmes is all but ov

Tomorrow's Shield match at Wembley will recall the in-tensity and intrigue of the struggle for last season's Pre-miership title while offering the thought that the new campaign may proceed along sim-ilar lines. Because Manchester United again won the Double, they are playing not the FA Cup winners but Newcastle as the Premiership runners-up

It is a fixture the country is agog to see, an hors d'oeuvre served at the perfect moment to tickle the public palate for the main course. Whoever wins, nobody is going to de-clare the championship a twohorse race in August, not with Liverpool in an adjacent stable. But if, next spring, the title again rests between Old Trafford and St James' Park it will be no great surprise.

Around 45,000 Newcastle Around about the second supporters will advance on Wembley hoping to see Kevin Keegan's team make a decla-ration of intent with a victory over Manchester United they have yet to celebrate in the Premiership. Their renewed faith is largely embodied in one man. Forty-six days ago Alan Shearer wore grey at Wembley and shared Engagrin at losing to land's ch Germany on penalties in the Euro 96 semi-finals. Tomorrow, or so Newcastle hop Shearer's career will be reborn in black and white.

He has cost them £15 million, roughly the aggregate amount Manchester United and Liverpool spent on Andy Cole and Stan Collymore. A Shearer hat-trick now and Newcastle will be even more convinced that they have the hetter deal. He has scored on each of his previous debuts --for Southampton, Blackburn

Sprint double . . . the Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan showing Alan Shearer a clean pair of heels in training yesterday

work out how to fit the rest of I his talented and varied attack around the newcomer. Cruyff, has ended his search around the newcomer. Alex Ferguson will son will

Czechs a penalty in the final, did much to confirm Fergu-son's interest. Kan

Ferguson clearly hopes that | Matthias Sammer to win the | sent off pre-season. It is to be | more awkward times for defences lie ahead. The benign mood of Euro

Watson wary of calling a place his own

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Michael Walker on the utility player seeking stability at St James' Park

T ONE stage this week it looked as though Newcastle United had entered into a Geordie ex-change scheme with Blackburn Rovers. Having recruited at unprecedented expense the most famous one since Jimmy Nail, they then appeared set to lose another, the left-back Robbie Elliott.

Elliott has yet to sign on the dotted line but he seems certain to leave and is not even in the travelling party to Wembley. This means that, with Lee Clark losing his No. 10 shirt to Les Ferdinand, Newcastle may have only

three local lads in their starting line-up. Alan Shearer, Peter Beardsley and Steve Watson represent a quarter of Sir John Hall's dream team of 11 natural born Geordies. Watson, who started the last eight games of last season in preference to Warren Bar-

ton at right-back, is still not guaranteed automatic selection and is suitably wary about taking his place for eranted. His case is unusual. At only 22 he is one of the longest

serving, most experienced players at the club, yet six years and 160 games since his debut he has still to secure a place or position in the team

that he can truly call his own. He is intent on changing that situation and went some way to claiming a permanent role at right-back after Barton had been substituted following a mistake against Arsenal in March. left behind.""

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"I think this season, more than any other at Newcastle, no one can say they are com-pletely safe. I wouldn't hazard

a guess about the starting line-up." It has been a familiar scenario for Watson since he made his debut as a substitute for Liam O'Brien at Wolves in November 1990. Jim Smith was the Newcastle manager then and Watson is aware that not many 16-year-olds would get a chance in the first team today. "I liked the way

Jim Smith played but he was unlucky at the time," he said. Watson then prospered under Ossie Ardiles "but we were alarmingly close to di-

saster. Ossie always seemed laid back, though. Till the very end he kept on saying play your football'

"Ossie was unlucky, too. It was a transitional time and he never got the backing that the gaffer [Kevin Keegan] sot. The money wasn't there to

Ossie." The end of Ardiles signalled the beginning of the Hall/Ke gan revolution of which Wa son is one of the few surv vors. He played in Keegan first game at Bristol City an is hoping to play in the nex tomorrow.

His experience of Wemble; s memorable. Four years ago Watson played for England Under-19 against Spain when he should have been best man at his brother's wedding There was a happy ending al round, with Andy Cole scor-

ing the only goal. Out with pneumonia, Cole will not do that tomorrow but Watson is travelling in hope. "Twe had a decent pre-season but then everybody is the fittest I've seen them. It looks like everybody's taken the initiative and said 'I can't be

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United's new foreigners must earn their places

comers that they will have to earn their places in Manchester United's team.

And even when they do, as I can get it to our Cup players. I can pick nine Chi-they must expect to be left final side. I think that is out from time to time in a fair to these lads."

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A LEX FERGUSON, who potentially gruelling sea-overseas players this sum-mer, has warned the new-repeat that feat while going we have got to go big on the the added: "Our intention is to go for everything full out this season... I think we have got to go big on the or the European Cup. Tomorrow's team, said ence this time is that there for the European Cup. Ferguson, "will be as close is no restriction on foreign

bley. By the end of November Cantona was at Old Trafford; so much for early portents. David Elleray refereed that match. Now, as the FA's whistling icon, he has warned tomorrow's teams not to ezpert the sort of leniency from Paul Durkin which he himself displayed in advising Manchester United to withdraw Roy Keane to spare the mid-fielder the likelihood of being

for the reach it most e îrom aferees ase the nother ns is onsismains strong. This summer the goals which have won the two biggest international comnetitions, Euro 96 and the Olym-

pic tournament, have been allowed to stand by Italian referees despite players being in offside positions. The first decision was debatable but justifiable, the second was plainly wrong. At least, in these instances, the referee-ing was consistent. However,

sionate English support at tion for Newcastle Wembley, did much to con-vince the rest of the world that football in this country had finally shaken off its hooligan image, Financial hooliganism remains a threat but football grounds are more civ-ilised than they were. True, one had detected an intensity make it work for me. I'm enjoying playing there now whereas a while ago I would of hatred towards opponents even before the Cantona businever have thought of myself as a right-back.' ness at Crystal Palace. This season Manchester United But Watson is far from cocky about his prospects. "All players, no matter how will again be the regular obects of Red Rage.

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safe they think they are, keep Tomorrow Shearer will lead an early challenge to Old Trafford's now perennial presump tion that they are cocks of the North. Certainly a win for your position. Newcastle would ease still painful memories of last sea-son's North-Eastern cock-up.

- he has story of Newcastle's 12 yet to play in goal — yet not one he had envisaged taking. "Tm just getting my head club But he is banking on all around playing at right-back now," he said yesterday. "I at St James' having learnt from the disappointments of just hope I can stick there and April and May.

"You just can't dwell on it or you would go mental. We know what we could have done and we didn't do it. That's got to be the end of it. I think there is an anticipation now and not solely because of the Shearer signing. Last year we went in thinking we had a great chance; this season it's ning the title,"

checking during the summer great chance; this season it's to see who the club has been not just a great chance, we linked with and if they are in know we are capable of win-

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RUCE GROBBELAAR, who faces a January court appearance to answer match-fixing allega-tions, has been given the chance to extend his goal-keeping career in England until he is almost 40. The Zimbabwean, release by Southampton at the end of last season, has signed a 12-

month contract with the Second Division newcomers Plymouth and goes straight into Neil Warnock's team in will miss." the friendly with Manchester City at Home Park today. Warnock said: "I have been

thought after undergoing the sixth knee operation of his after Bruce for weeks. I think he will give everybody a lift for what I believe is going to be a difficult season for us. I career in Antwerp this week. It was feared that the latest realise he has got problems but what matters most is what he does on the pitch."

Scottish preview

Leeds' summer of problems | player-manager out for a has been compounded by the announcement that their nonth. But his assistant Graham Rix, who supervised Chelsea's impressive 2-1 Ghanaian striker Tony Yeboah will miss the start of the friendly win against Samp-doria in Genoa on Wednesday eason after failing to recover from the knee problem that kept him out last spring. night, said yesterday: "I have spoken to Ruud and he says He will undergo an explor-atory operation early next the operation was a complete SUCCESS.

week and the Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson said: "At Ivano Bonetti, the Italian winger whose career with the moment it is not possible Grimsby was soured by his dressing-room clash with the to say how many games Tony manager Brian Laws last sea-son, has joined John Al-Ruud Guilit, however, may be fit to lead Chelsea on the dridge's Tranmere on a onefield sooner than originally year contract.

Neil Ruddock has been fined £2,000 by the FA's disciplinary committee for exceeding 45 disciplinary points last surgery, to remove a floating body from his right knee. would put the 33-year-old his future conduct.



True Geordie ... Watson, local boy making good MKE HEWITT

Smith dispels Old Firm complacency

Patrick Glenn finds Rangers and Celtic

prepared for a closer-run Premier season

HE notion that the Old | club and appointed Tommy Burns as manager in 1994. That north-east corner remains hazardous territory gins today is sound. It would, however, be misguided to pre-sume that the other eight but there is a widespread assumption that Rangers and Celtic will settle the champi-"contenders" will not exert a onship purely in the matches degree of influence on the against each other.

This is, of course, a prepos terous idea which Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, quickly dispelled. "It would be unwise," he said, "to think that all that matters will be able to secure full points with the matches between Celtic four victories in the series and ourselves. Although 28 points separated the second an indication of the progress and third teams last season, that was exceptional.

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two seasons are the same and Rangers do not equal the nobody should be surprised if Parkhead record of nine the others close up a bit this time. We had to win 27 of the 36 games last time to lift the championship and that was an extraordinary run of con-sistency. Celtic's similar form season. created the gap. "This time we may have to

repeat the form, just to make sure we stay ahead. But it would be daft to assume that the other teams don't count. I always tell my players that if you lose respect for oppo-nents you will be at your weakest. "So we will approach the

programme as we always do, with enough respect for whoever we are playing to ensure that our standards don't slip." At Celtic Park Burns's head hat was exceptional. "History tells us that no supporters to make sure that win nine.

successive league titles. achieved under Jock Stein between 1966 and 1974. For many Old Firm followers it is the biggest issue of the new

Burns, slightly less hysterical, said: "Of course it is very much on our minds that Rangers have now done eight. Hardly an hour of the day passes without me thinking about it. But it is not about preventing them from doing something, it is about con-

tinuing to progress and restore greatness to this club. "If we win the league it will mean more to me that Celtic have won it than that Rangers have been stopped. Celtic

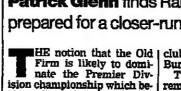
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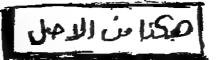
"Nor is our championship challenge this season going to collapse and die if we lose or draw a match against opponents outside Ibrox." Rangers, at home to Raith

Rovers today, will use the squad that beat Alania Vladi-kavkaz on Wednesday, with the exception of the sus-pended Alex Cleland, Celtic will return Pierre van Hooijdonk to the front line with Alan Stubbs, recovered from injury. likely to make debut in defence. • Ayr United have been fined \$12,000 for fielding a stspended player, Steve Kerri-

gan, against Livingston in the Coca-Cola Cup last Saturday. Kerrigan, who scored twice i have been stopped. Celtic a 5-2 win, was banned while Football Club is not going to collapse and die if Rangers Ayr had not checked the

outcome. Celtic, for example, open their programme with a visit to Aberdeen, where they had not won for eight years before last season. That they were four victories in the series against the Pittodrie side is





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David Davies sees Phil Mickelson lead the field with his second 67 at the US PGA championship in Louisville

Woosnam stays in the hunt Keighley eye

grip on the US PGA Champ onship yesterday at Valhalla Golf Club here in Kentucky. A

second successive 67 gave him a total of 134 and a fourstroke advantage over the local man Kenny Perry and the Fijian Vijay Singh.

But Ian Woosnam, in one of his least favoured events, was at four under after a secondround 72 that put him on the early leaderboard at joint fourth with Greg Norman and Tom Watson. At the other end

of the scale was Colin Montgomerie, playing in one of his designated favourite events, who emphatically missed the cut after a second round 78. He totalled 149, with the cut expected to fall at 145 or 146.

Woosnam's opening 68 owed much to an eagle at the long 10th, where a three-wood second shot finished five feet away. That took him to five under and, when after Friday's four-hour delay he had to stop at 9pm, he was still on that mark with four holes to play. He began them at 7.30 yes terday morning, an unearthly our for anyone and particu larly the sociable Woosnam, and he struggled through tiem in one over par. The slot was dropped at the par-fre 18th where his drive und rough and his third shot a bunker He finished at 8.41, which

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should have been on the 1st tee for the second round, and officials rushed the players through, giving the Welsh-man no time for anything other than a banana.

Sometimes, when the mood is on them, players like to go straight on in these circumstances but Woosnam, who is taking medication for ainus

Rowing was no spark at all about his play as he started, as evi-denced at the long 2nd. This is an arboreal wonder, featur-ing on the one side a densely in the the sent for the couples Casual mode be-came the Couples Casual mode be-came the Couples Couldn't-Care-Less mode, the American hitting two shots on the run on the way to s Pinsent seeks rest Oh, the agony . . . Woosnam winces as his putt sits on the edge of the cup at the 16th yesterday PHOTOGRAPH, SUSAN WALS double-bogey six. Their other partner Fuzzy Zoeller had a similarly sloppy vegetated marsh and on the other a 300yd long (and 150ft high) bank of oak and ash and gold metal Lane blocked by brother of fame Wadsworth makes impact five, causing a spectator to remark "Just a regular ol" three-ball" — which it had trees, a magnificent sight. and an ambidextrous Italian at last as Davies fades The local ash trees, of course, are used to make the Olympic team? "Shearer puts Louisville Slugger, the base-ball bat of choice for most and Italy's Massimo looked, despite the pres Wadsworth holed par-saving ence Christopher Dodd at Stratiscipale Park Michael Britten in Litecheu BEI Johnson at Gieneagles single putts at the 15th and 16th before finding the green bums on seats - the Olymof the world Nos. 2 and 5 in Montgomerie and Couples. Scarpe. Pinero also had a 66 yes pice fills the papers once Americans, and more than one million of them are made HE Welshwoman Helen Wadsworth birdied the TWO players of impecca-ble pedigree and an am-bidentrous Italian stand beterday while Higgins, son of the Waterville profes-Montgomerie missed the with a four-iron second for every four years and it seems MATTHEW PINSENT watched the world championships semi-finals here yesterday and pon-dered life after Olympic gold. "I need a complete rest for eight to 12 weeks," he said. onc million of them are made annually here. There is one propped up against the side of the Slugger Museum which is 120ft high and weighs 68,000lb, a bat that might give even Ian Botham pause. Woosnam, after a good drive, had to wait ages for the convertient of the side of the short sth and fin-ished in the deep rough, out cacy of it, he is no better than anyone else. He chipped 12 feet short, missed and now needed some heroics to stay in the championship. her final birdie. strange we can't give some sional Liam, a leading light on the British Seniors tour, There were eagles galore on a day of low scoring but not for the world No.1 Laura final hole for a 67 to take a share of the halfway lead in the McDonald's WPGA Champriority to the Olympic team. If we send an underfunded tween the Ryder Cup golfer Barry Lane and a fifth shot 67 and the Italian 88. team to Sydney we might as European Tour victory in the Austrian Open this Davies, who struggled to a 74. By contrast the Scottish ama-Scarpa, 26, a former pionship over the King's well pack up." European amateur cham-pion from Venice, is an or-Out on the water six British course here yesterday. Her late flourish took her to weekend. teur Mhairi McKay cheered junior crews earned places in Lane thought he had put himself on an easy route to today's finals while seven senior crews go for medals thodox right-hander with the driver, long irons and seven under par on 137 along-side Marie-Laure de Lorenzi of 66 to finish two off the lead. "while I find a financial and drive, had to wait ages for the green to clear and, rather than view the vista, he sat on promotional package to se-cure me for four years, But the back nine at Valside Marie-Laure de Lorenzi of France and Germany's Tina Fischer. They lead by one stroke from Spain's Laura Na-varro, who produced three ee-gles to equal the women's course record with 66. Wadsworth dearly wants to avoid pre-qualifying for next week's British Open at Wo-burn. "I have had a slow start initial aim had been simply to handed sand wedge and No. 9 iron which he uses for his first title for three years when he shot 66 in the second round for a ninehalla is no place for those. Most of the fairways resemble tomorrow, a total of 13 boats than view the vista, he sat on his bag smoking a fag. Even-tually he dragged his second left, chipped weakly and settled for a tame par. At four under par he was, at this point, joint sixth, but on a lovely sunny day with soft but true greens, it was obvious that compatibular enough to sponsor me as an individual and in a crew." out of 21 home entrants. The world championships aircraft carriers — you are either on deck or in serious trouble — and for the Scot it under-par 135 at the Wald-viertel club. He has so far include 10 non-Olympic boat classes for seniors and 14 awkward shots aorund the How much is he looking green, and can play to a 10for? "£75.000 a year for a pair. handicap that way. "I started golf at the age of 10 playing left-handed events for under-18 juniors. All Britain's Atlanta medalwas the latter. A bogey at the 12th was followed by a double compiled 12 birdles after double that for a four. I'm in opting for this European outing rather than the US PGA Championship. But the 36-year-old Engit to win an Olympic gold medal, so a four means four ists - Pinsent and Redgrave at the water-strewn 15th plus the Searle brothers with Foster and Obholzer -- were before my coach changed me over at 14," explained full-timers. To get four be-tween now and Sydney is askwhere his second shot, from Instead, after his tee shot to the 6th had dived deep into the left-hand rough, Woosnam threw his basebail can deare on the state of th world junior medallists. Scarpa, who hopes that em-ploying his father Alessaning something. "I cannot consider who I lishman is still four shots and have not had my nerves initial aim had been simply to "I was lucky as a junior," behind the leader Juan Cartested this year." she said. make the cut. "It is a dream will row with or which boat I row in until that is in place." And what about Alan Shearer's £15 million fee com-pared with support for the come true to play so well. I am hitting the ball well and dro as his caddle will be a There was no such evidence los Pinero, younger brother the left-hand rough, Woosnam threw his baseball cap down on the ground angrily, for he knew he could not reach the winning tactic. Last year Alexander Ceika won this title with his father in the when she followed birdies at the 5th and 6th with an eagle want to keep playing like this at the next where she chipped by but I can't complain what in from 15 feet. 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 Andrew S. 2000 (1990) (19 Sailing Boxing ----------------Chavez furious Cudmore cuts NICK SKELTON and John at drug 'smear' the comedy Whitaker had double clear rounds as Britain rebounded JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ. from the disappointments of Bob Fisher at Cowes Atlanta to win the Nations tax evasion and money laundering, took a full-page advertisement in a Mexico Cup event in Dublin, even IFE was a comedy of though the final margin of errors at Cowes Week yesvictory was only half a point ahead of Ireland. terday. The errors were cleri-City newspaper on Thursday to counter what he al-leges is a smear campaign. In the advertisement in Reforma the former WBC cal, navigational and organi-sational, but most could be laughed away while serious Skelton followed up Thursday's victory on Dollar Girl with two faultless rounds on HIDTOF FISICATING HUNCARLAN GRAND PHER (Budapest): Opening practice services 1. D Hill (GB) Williams frein 21,144sec; 2. M Sche-nachter (Ger) Ferrari 1.21,166; 3. J Vile-revre (Can) Williams 1.21,136; 4. E Irvine (GB) Ferrari 1.22,32; 5. G Berger (Art) Benutzen 1.22,677; 6. J Aust (Fr) Bernitzo 1.22,790; 7. O Pans (Fr) Lejter 1.22,697; 6. J Herbert (GB) Sector 1.23,076; 5. R Barri-chatto (Br) Jordan 1.23,404; 10. M Hei-Mans (Fin) McLaren 1.23,404 the 15-year-old mare he left at matters were addressed. light-welterweight cham-Most serious was the Maxi home for the Olympic trip. HEWMARKET Class, where the outcome of the week's seven-race series hung in the balance. If Mike Slade's Longobarda or Ludde pion denied recent reports that he has business ties to Whitaker kept his nerve with 6.00 (San 3-byda); 1, CANDot CAS, Pat Eddery (2-1 Fav); 2, New Yestage (12-1), 3, Hal Noo Yarusan (11-2), 6 ran. 2, 5 (H Geci) Tots: 52.70; 51.60, 54.30, Dunt F: PT:00, CSF, 200-25 another error-free perfor-mance on Grannusch as the drug barons in his home state of Sinaloa. He said last of the quartet. Convergence and the state of the second state that he planned to sue El Ingvall's Nicorette won they With further clears from Robert Smith on Tees Han-Financiero, the paper that was first to report the allewould take the series but, if Longobarda finished second atter in the first round and Di Lampard on Abbervail Dream gations, for libel. or worse, the prize would go Chess "I have been presented to the public as a drug traf-ficker, a money laun-ticker, a money launin the second, Britain fin-BUTTISH CHARPHONEHEP Otominghami: Round Fours W Sacler G, C Ward T; J Emme 1, G Lilley Q: R Betse D, A Sum-nomicale T; J Parkar X, S Koott K; J Wilson X, G Beckley X; C Coto X, S Wilsars K; A Lighth T, N Pen Q; S Amedi T, H Pert D; C Danworth D, A Ledger T; L McShun T, A ished with a zero score. Ire-land's Peter Charles also had ette heading for the wrong mark after the navigator had (D. Loder) Tola E230; EU.01, ET 50. Daal F; E230, C57: E730. 7.25 (T/E: 1, BLAUE INTYER, B. Doylo (20-1); 2, Britymah (10-1), 3, Bitanton Marcourt (4-1), 2-1 Fay Yulaistamo, 13 ran, 5, Nt. (T laite) Tola, E22.7; D. 60 E240, C29. F104, 62 7.056 (77; 1, BESTER PHOR, J Reid (2-1); 2, Silcark Billy Goy (6-1); 2, Jonn Martine (2-1 Fay), 10 ran, 25, hd. (R Johman Houghtan) Toto: 27,05 (110), 22,0, (1:5,0) Daal F: C33,00 Trio: C20,00 C3F (205,0), Tricase (5-1); 2, Bitagian (5-2); 2, Doant fin a.25 (1n) 22); 1, BINT SALSABL, T Sprate (5-1); 2, Bitagian (5-2); 3, Doant fin Bhot (5-4 Fay), 5 ran, He, 10, (J Dunlop) Tota, E3,0; (1:00 E1,00, Deal F (20,0); 5, F Totose (5-4 Fay), 5 ran, He, 10, (J Dunlop) Tota, E3,0; (1:00 E1,00, Deal F (20,0); 5, F C0,00, Nor Farmer: Nalad Walcome. Coordenth E20.40. derer," Chavez said. Chavez, who has been for-mally charged with battery a double clear on La Ine but fractional time faults eventubeen provided with an incor-rect list of buoys from which ally proved costly. Philips D. Landers: Ward & Emms, Sum merscale 35; Inc players on Sola. by his wife, claims that rel-atives and former friends vall had to turn to his tacti-Tennis **Evening Racing** Jennifer Capriati's promising run in the Canadian Open were trying to extract more cian Harold Cudmore. HAYDOCK money from him. "I have Cudmore spoiled the wind became a pain in the backside never stilled, never stolen, yesterday when the unseeded never been a criminal," he American retired before the said. "Because I am being end of the first set against accused unfairly, my wife, Mandaura Malaura mith a 5.50 (1an bi sobyeas a, MOUNT NDW, J Wegver (4-1 A Fav; 2, Major Dundee (12-1); 3, Farest Neighas (5-1), 4-1 Ji Fav Leptice, 9 rat. 9, stat. (1, Cursani) Tolo Legang, 9 rat, 9, stal. 1. Cutating tops 64.30; 52.40, 53.70; 52.10; Depi F: 527.40. Trice (21.30; CBF: 845.00; Yincast; 525571. Naci Alucion: Swain Hunter. 64.40; (69): 1, J.Casto Cut.Water, M. Tobout sufficient margin. It was seri-Magdalena Maleevs with a my accountants, my law-gluteal strain on her left side. yers have betrayed me."

HIL MICKELSON. the superbly tal-ented left-hander, took an early and possibly permanent US BGA Chammin conditions and for a player conditions and for a player with Woosnam's power, a

with Woosnam's power, a birdle was on offer. But the Welshman missed the fair-way, then bunkered his third shot and the resultant six sent him sliding down the lists. In contrast his Kiwi playing partner Frank Nobilo birdied the hole with a seven-footer to move to four under which ha

move to four under, which he improved with a 15-footer at the short 8th that put him on the leaderboard.

Woosnam, though, by pushing a 35ft birdie putt six feet wide, and missing that one, slid to one under for the championship and later confessed to thinking: "Oh jeen I'm going to miss the cut."

No sooner the thought than the rally. Woosnam birdied the difficult uphill 9th, sur-vived a couple of indifferent shots at the 10th and 12th and birdied the 18th and 14th. The 13th is 350 yards long and Woosnam had little over 50 yards to the green for his second; then he hit a four-iron to five feet at the 14th. That restored him to four

under and, by holing from seven feet at the last for a par, he remained at that mark "I'm not playing very well really," he said afterwards, "but I'm chipping and putting

superbly. If I can just get my irons going like normal Fil have a chance." One man seemingly trying

to throw away his chance early on was Nick Faldo, the S Masters champion, who tarted yesterday with three ogeys. Three under par overght after a 69, he opened 5, 4 to slip immediately back level par overall.

Montgomerie was playing one of his favourite events it managed to disguise the ct. His round was full of igry swishes, mostly at the sugh he had just departed, at also with a putter that was being less than helpful.

One under after his opening round, the Scot went to two under at the 2nd where a chip got a kindly kiss off Fred Couples' ball, finishing two feet away instead of a probable three. But good birdie chances from 10 and six feet were missed at the next two holes and almost inevitably

he then missed from five feet for a par at the 5th. trouble, looked weary. There At the same hole the fam-



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	Paul Fitzpatrick	would play A-team and Acad-	
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	EIGHLEY Cougars	played at an alternative	
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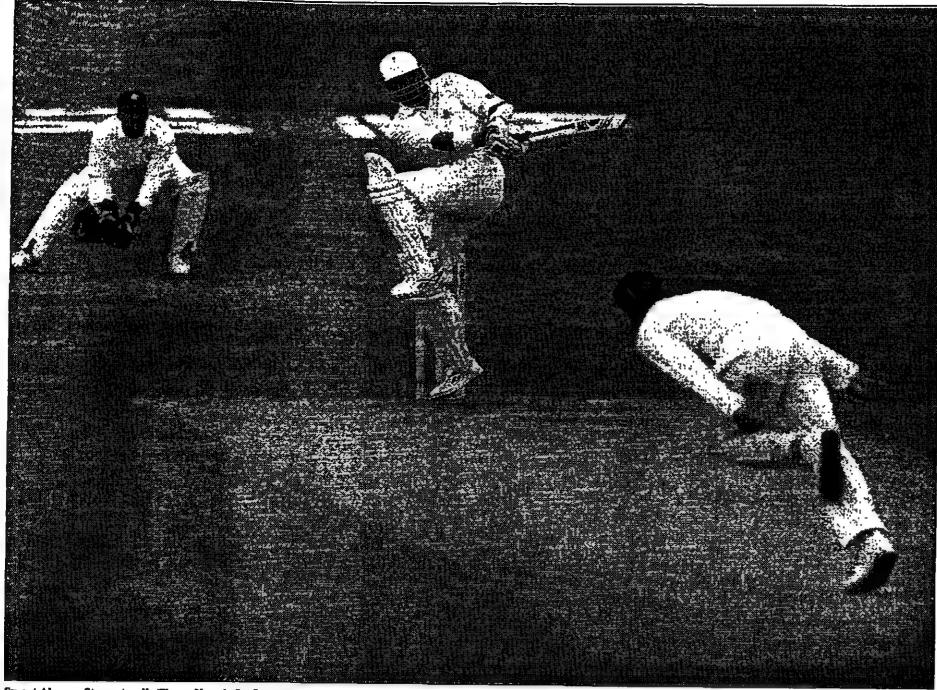
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ENGLAND EMBARK ON STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AT HEADINGLEY AS LORD'S LOOKS AHEAD



Smart Alec ... Stewart pulls Wagar Younis for four yesterday evening on the way to an unbeaten 52 off 68 balls

England v Pakistan: second Test, second day

The rise and rise of a third rebel

David Hopps on the touring role of John Emburey

LEN prayers are offered at the next Test and County Cricket Board junket, perhaps something along the lines of "Lord's forgive them for their sins" might provide an appropriate starting

point. John Emburey's appoint-ment as England's assistant coach for the winter tours to Zimbabwe and New Zes-land continues the uncannily rapid promotion of those who not so long ago incurred official wrath by joining rebel tours to South Africa while apartheid was still at its height.

As well as recognition for Emburey, a double rebel, Graham Gooch, a rebel captain, and David Graveney, a rebel manager, have both been elected as selectors this summer. Many accused them of selling out for fi-nancial gain but nobody imagined that they had identified a career

Superimity. Emburey, whatever, is a shrewd and sober individ-ual, who should provide a satisfying counterpoint to David Lloyd's more innova-

tive ways. "My Northants contract still has three more years to run and I'll see it ont," Emburey said. "I'm not a rival for David's coaching job."

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him as his preferred heir

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The appointment brough some cheer for Raymond Il-

were still in the field and Moin Khan's doughty hun-dred drove them to distruction. Fred Trueman, in the

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radio commentary box, lost patience after half an hour. "I am now beyond wondering what's going off out there," he spluttered. On Fred's Scale of Incredulity, that is topped only by the lengthy monotone grunt which signifies that works have failed him. The Western Terrace was

in stronger voice, no mere so than Mike Marquste, one of the most powerful advocates of the Hit Racism For Six campaign. Declarations by Asian spectators that Headingley had no da-that Headingley had no da-tinctive racist problem left Marquese aggrieved, feir-ing that it would be misia terpreted as an outright de nial that racism exists in

British sport. If the point needs clarify-ing, it is that it is coslly hypocritical to single out Yorkshire cricket habitually when the issue exists nationwide. With that, at least. Marousee concurs. Intriguingly the HR46

campaign has uncarthed the fact that Headingley is the only Test ground in the country which explicitly bans racial abuse. Marqu-see is right to press for others to follow. Those grounds which concocted an unnecessarily antagonistic ban on West Indian drums should get their pri-



orities right.

guered chairman of selec-tors, who last year named **Stewart leads the fight-back** apparent Before play resumed yes-terday Illingworth had stomped out to the middle, studied the splattering of ball marks in the middle of the pitch and chantered

Mike Selvey sees England win the last session after losing the first two to Moin

phor for life, then sometimes it works the other way around. Yesterday shortly after five evening, o'clock, Wasim Akram pat-tered up the hill from the Football Stand End and produced a wicked break-back that clipped the inside edge of Mike Atherton's bat before losing itself in the gloves of the tumbling Moin Khan. As Wasim danced his delight and Atherton trudged off, an alarm bell began sounding in the press-box. It may have been sounding also in the minds of the players on the adjacent balcony for, after the best part of two days, Eng-

F. as people are fond of hope but the depression was saying cricket is a meta-lifted somewhat in the 25 overs that England were required to face last night when, despite the early loss of Atherton for 12 after one thunderous back-foot boundary, the response was spir-ited, led by Alec Stewart and Nasser Hussain. Stewart counter-attacked with brilliance, pulling coura-geously and timing the hall wonderfully well off his legs. By the close he had hit six fours in his 51, made out of England's 106 for one haulas

the pitch now should not turn to complacency. The England bowlers suffered for the first two sessions - retribution perhaps for the sins of the first day, when they wasted the opportunity to take the upper hand. Paki-England's 104 for one, having stan, resuming their innings added 90 in 22 overs for the on 281 for six, were not dissecond wicket with Hussain.

missed until after tea, by However, England require which time they had made further 145 to avoid 448. Moin contributed a following on and the ease of vibrant 105, his third Test land were floundering. the batting yesterday should century, and Asif Mujtaba 51 A draw remains their best not obscure the magnitude of patient, invaluable runs the batting yesterday should century, and Asif Mujtaba 51

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melled marcilessly for 37 runs wicket to fail before tea. from four overs but his new-Cork's game persistence was to bring him five wickets in an innings for the third time in his Test career but ball bowing has always been a relatively weak point.

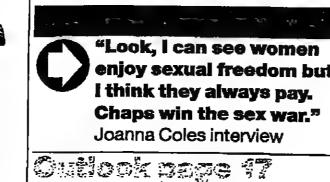
Lord's showed that, when the ball gets older and the Paki-stani bowling geniuses they cost him dear. If they ever have sound numbers for bowlers, they seamers and spinners alike — crank up a gear, the game can change in an hour. Recogni-tion of the benign nature of should parhaps be based on runs conceded. Graham Thorpe, who sent down three insipid overs for nine, would be Shearer; Alan Mullally, with two first-day wickets but

none yesterday, can fight Ferdinand for doctor's orders. Chris Lewis (none for 100). Andy Caddick (three for 113) and Cork (five for 113) would require six months on the chest expanders before they could fit their shirts. On a pitch that flattened out yes-terday but which for most of the first day had offered almost promiscuous encourage-ment, these are not bowling figures of which to be proud.

between haemorrhoids and a red-hot poker. After Ather ton's team had reached the ground floor in the build-up to the World Cup last spring, it was Moin who led Karachi City to a win that took their confidence down to the

sement. And as a substitute fielder perched in at silly point at Lord's, be caused even the taciturn England captain to to the umpire for appeal peace and quiet. Yesterday he ran England ragged. He is one of five players to have led Pakistan in the last two years and is a tal-ented batsman whose first Test century was instrumen-tal in clinching a series win over Australia, but he has never been a regular. Moin has probably never seen the films of WC Fields

but Never Give a Sucker an Even Break would be a good starting point, for he has profited immensely from a last-



the task ahead. The feared before he was caught at slip | minute injury to the previous | gloom heaving at Cork. In Waqar Younis was pum- off Dominic Cork, the only | wicketkeeping incumbent, | just under five hours at the Ranhid Latif. crease he had 10 fours and a

Just as lisz Ahmed had done on the opening day, Moin rode his luck, reassured six clumped back over Cork's heid. by Asif's steadiness in a record seventh-wicket stand against England of 112. But he

had not added to his over-night score of eight when he flicked Caddick to long leg and Mulially spilled a respect-able chance. When 84, he offered a sharpish one-handed

return catch to Cork. Earlier, when 18. Moin had booked Mullally to Stewart at long leg only to find Steve Bucknor calling no-ball Jiaz had been let off in the same way when 68. Test wickets are hard enough to come by with out throwing them away like that; those two unforced

Name Address errors cost England 160 ru After this escape Molo played impishly, passing 50 before lunch and scampering

As a pain in the English butt, Moin comes somewhere between harmonic the second sion to reach his century in a cloud of dust and triumph. He

was finally out in the post-tes Scoreboard 12

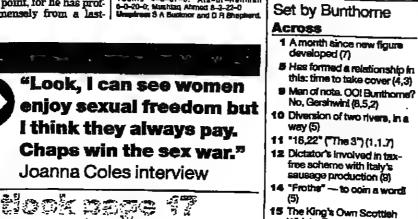
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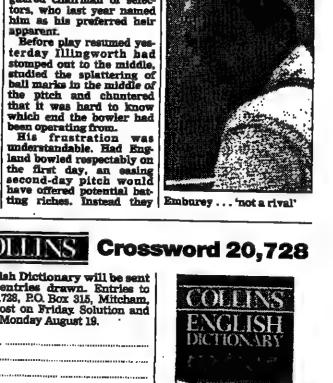
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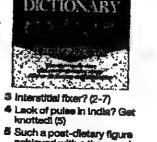
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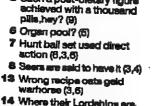
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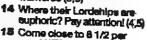
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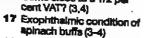
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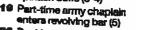
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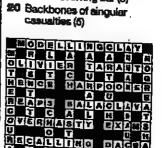








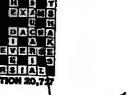




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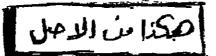


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Clare Short hints that Labour has sold its soul to the 'dark men' of marketing. PETER KELLNER on how this shadowy band are making over British politics

Gambling on gurus who won't choose red

VER since Julius Caesar was warned to beware the Idea of March, soothsay-

ers — known today as polling and marketing advisers — have had a prickly relationship with politiclans. Despised when they are wrong, and often when they are right, such advisers are conmned as unelected, out of touch and far too powerful. Clare Short's interview for

this week's New Statesman is the latest arrangement of an old tune. She attacked "the obession with the media and

focus groups" by "people who live in the dark": a group that seems to comprise advisers both inside and outside Tony Blair's office. Her remarks were widely assumed to repre-sent a coded attack on Blair himself. I am not so sure. Not only is the notion of Ma Short speaking in code faintly ludicrous to anyone familar with her refreshing habit of speak-ing her mind, but the point she is making about the use and

abuse of market research in politics is one I know she feels

tre of the action. Blair was recently asked whether the need for British political leaders to nurse local constituencles distorted national policy decisions. "I don't know about that," he replied. "I do remem-ber something Climion said, which is that there is no one more powerful in the world today than a member of a focus group. If you really want to change things and if you want to get listened to, that's where you want to be."

As with so many tools used in political market research. focus groups originated in the United States. They evolved in the 1940s from research into mental illness. Doctors found they could learn a great deal by observing the group dynamics of mental patients through oneway mirrors. During the fiftles advertising agencies began to adapt the psychiatric tach-niques by gathering groups of eight-to-12 ordinary citizens together for one or two hours. The focus group was born. It sounds a doddle; surely

anyone could do it? After all what could be easier than to sit



Her interview raises serious questions about the way we do politics. How influential are the modern-day soothsavers? And do they deserve the power they wield?

The short answer is that their influence is large, grow-ing and in the main welldeserved. There are dangers that are not always averted. just as there are always dangers in listening too slavishly to any expert. But most politicians need to understand their market — the electorate — just as car makers, brewers and detensent companies need to understand theirs.

Tony Blair grasps this. He pays particular heed to the focus groups conducted by Philip Gould. Gould is an outward-going enthusiast, whose extrovert manner conceals a nervous, but always useful, caution about Labour's prospects. He was first brought into Labour's orbit in the mideighties by Peter Mandelson, who was then the party's direc-tor of communications. During the 1992 election Gould repeatedly warned Neil Kinnock not to believe the leads reported by the opinion polls; his focus groups showed that floating voters still did not trust the

party. After the election, however, Labour's new leader, John South, wanted to build his own team: for the next two years Gould's star waned. Blair's election as leader, and Mandelson's return to the inside track. hyought Gould back to the cen-

епаю them some refreshments, and get them to natter about politics, soep powder, foreign holidays, or whatever your client is trying to sell?

In fact, well-conducted focus groups involve specialist skills, often routed in psychiatry. For example, most of us tend to be reserved and polite in the presence of strangers. Ask about an MP or a brand of pot noodle that they can't stand, and most people will say something blandly inoffensive along the lines of "so, so" or "I don't really know".

bers had to imagine that differ-ent brands of whisky were coming to a party. Which would behave well, and which would To overcome this caution. focus group companies have be rowdy? Which would talk evolved a battery of projective techniques. If such-and-such political party, or supermarke together? Which would give

chain, were a car, what model would they be? What animal? sociable playboy, in Britain and Spain as a slightly stand-What drink? Experience show that people who are reluctant to say anything directly rude (or, for that matter, directly enes helped the company redesign its bottle labels and its advertis thusiastic) are apt to reveal ing, so that the company could compete more effectively in their true feelings when asked a projective question. How do you rate Acme fashion shoes? "OK, I suppose." If Acme fasheach national market against its main rival, Chivas Regal. Doubtless Chivas Regal was ion shoes were a car, what doing much the same in

would they be? "A Trabant." For some years, on both sides response. Even when focus groups started to be used in British of the Atlantic, such questions were routinely asked and politics, it was some time be-fore they attracted controversy answered, with no public con-troversy, to belp commercial This was partly because few companies improve their marketing, When United Distillers wanted to redesign its world-wide strategy for selling used focus groups to design Johnny Walker Black Label their immensely effective "Labour Isn't Working" adverwhisky, it commissioned focus group research in 10 countries.

quietly conducted focus groups as part of his thankless task of advising the Labour Party of the true state of public opinion. Shortly before that election I the party life, and which would sat in on a MORI focus group in stand in the corner? In Thai-land, Black Label was seen as a Reading. It showed starkly how vast the distance was between the language of Labour's cam-paign and the concerns of floatoffish aristocrat. Such respons ing voters. Three things have happened

to make focus groups a source of controversy. The first is they have moved from the background to the foreground of politicians' consciousness. Bill Clinton's victory in 1992 did more than anything else to give them publicity. His campaign team told how much they relied on focus groups. In mid-April, 1992, Clinton's campaign was in a bad way. Poils showed that he was distrusted; he trailed

people understood what was go ing on. Few Tories knew or George Bush by 24 points. Enter (according to Clinared that Saatchi and Saatchi tonesque folk-lore) the unsung, anonymous heroines of his campaign: 10 women in Allentown, Pennsylvania, who were

Greenberg, Clinton's pollster, to discuss the candidate's image. If Clinton were a colour they were asked, which would he be? Plaid, they replied. Asked to explain, they said "he just goes with the flow" and fudges every issue. REENBERG

> then told the story of Clinton's life - his small-town upbringing, his alcoholic stepfather and so on By the end of the session, the group had warmed to Clinton. Thus was born the strategy of persuading Clinton to fudge less, and talk about his past more. Subsequently, whenever he seemed to be on the verge of ludging an issue, aides warned

him not to "go plaid". Another group, this time of men, helped to persuade Clin-ton's team not to worry too much about defending or explaining the candidate's sexual morals. When the group's views were probed, and they

mitted to skeletons in the

Fans of focus group methods (such as Gould, who honed his own techniques by conducting some focus groups for the Clin ton campaign on Greenberg's behalf) were excited by these discoveries. But opponents were appalled. Focus group-le campaigning seemed to take politics further away from principles and policies, and more towards the most cynical

kind of marketing manipulation. Such criticisms were heightened by the second event to make focus groups controver sial: the O J Simpson trial. It transpired that both defence and prosecution commis-sioned focus group research throughout the trial. They set up, in effect, parallel juries on whom they could try out possible tactics for questioning and cross-examination.

There was nothing new about lawyers testing their tactics this way but the O J Simp-son trial brought it into the

wanted to know how best to defend a client who ran a bar where the entertainment consisted of nude dancers. His parallel-jury focus group was offended by the description of what went on, but not by a video. So the lawyer showed the video in court and his client was acquitted. Such stories do not impress every politician. They can con-

vey the impression that focus groups are undermining the integrity of the legal process. From there it is but a short step to mount the charge that party-funded focus groups undermine the integrity of politics. The third, and perhaps most valid, reason for controversy concerns the way focus group findings are used. With con-

ventional opinion polls, any-one with access to the computer tables can do their own analysis and draw their own conclusions. Pollsters have no monopoly in the business of

interpretation. Focus group analysis is dif-

to distil hours of taned discustions and decide what matters most. When he reports to Blair, or Mandelson, or one of their committees, he applies his own blend of experience and political outlook. Inevitably, he is open to the charge of twisting the evidence to suit his own belinks Such charges are misplaced. During the past two years I

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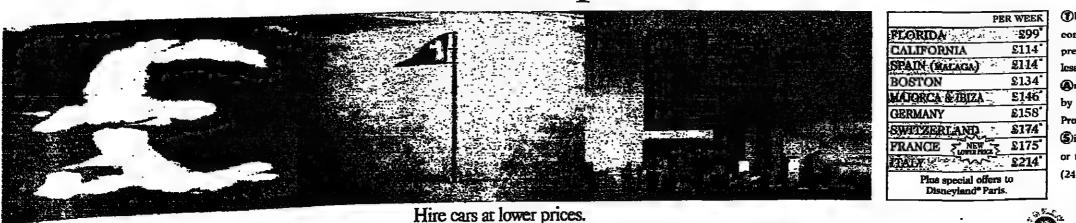
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have sat in on six political focus group discussions for BBC's Newsrught and On The Record. Two were conducted by NOP, four by Opinion Leader Research. In each case Blair's brand of Labour poll-tics has been more popular with the voters Labour must attract than anything or anyone critics to his left in the party would prefer The conclusion is clear. There are legitimate concerns about the use of focus groups. But overall, most of the com-plaints have been no more

than a new version of the age-old mistake of shooting the messenger.

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14 THE LEADER PAGE Don't bank on the **Bank**

HAT should we do about the pre-electoral boom? If there are still any doubts about whether one is underway, then the latest batch of economic indicators should dispel them. Earlier in the week it was announced that new car sales in July were 17 per cent ahead of last year (and commercial sales up 12 per cent). Yesterday, a CBI survey showed that retail sales volume last month was the second highest this decade amid increasing size that the decade, amid increasing signs that the housing market is on the move after recovering from the post-Lawson implosion. Unemployment continues to come down and inflation remains subdued. It is, however, an extremely imbalanced recovery - relying on consumption rather than exports or investment - but strong nevertheless.

It would be even stronger — except that people sitting on building society accounts are reluctant to run down their savings in case they don't qualify for the one-off £17 billion windfall scheduled for next year. When they do, it will add another sharp stimulus to consumption - far bigger than the modest pre-

electoral tax cut Kenneth Clarke is planning for the autumn. This time the election boom has a large privatised element in it. The only trouble, from the Government's viewpoint, is that the timing is out of its hands. It is quite poss-ible that the bulk of the building society hand-outs will be delayed until after the election, in which case it could be a bo-nus for an incoming Labour government.

But that is next year's worry. The problem of the moment is whether the Chancellor should raise interest rates. He is under very strong and very public pressure from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to raise rates now in order (so it is argued) to avoid having to raise them even higher later. Kenneth Clarke should resist this pressure at all costs.

The Bank of England is charged with keeping inflation low (rather than industrial production up) and, since it is the received wisdom in the Bank that there is a lag of up to two years before changes in interest rates affect inflation, it can be seen why the Governor is getting edgy. A stitch in time... But the Bank's logic can easily be inverted to form what might be called Eddie's paradox: if he raises interest rates now, then he may kill the conditions which would have enabled him to avoid raising interest rates later.

The Bank quite rightly worries that capacity constraints in two years' time may generate inflationary pressures. But one way to stop that is to raise in-vestment so that there aren't any capacity constraints — thereby enabling the economy to expand in a non-infla-

tionary manner. No one has yet found a route to long-term growth that doesn't involve investment. But if the Chancellor raises interest rates now, then the modest recovery in investment we are now experiencing may be be aborted. The golden goose will be killed. We don't know exactly why businessmen invest but it is closely related to the cost of capital and the prospect of a profitable market in which to sell.

In Britain, companies don't seem to invest heavily until they are right up against capacity shortages during booming conditions. If you abort those condtions, then you won't get the investment and Britain will be condemned to permanently lower growth. If the Bank doesn't believe this, it should look more carefully at one of its own research papers released this week. It argues that an increase of 1.1 per cent in interest rates reduces manufacturing output by 1.9 per cent after nine quarters (and construction by 2.1 per cent) while services decline by only 1 per cent.

If the Government really believes that consumption is getting out of hand --- which is not the case at present --then there are other weapons to hand even if they are not designed to win an election. For instance, a rise in taxation would help to keep interest rates low and reduce the burgeoning borrowing requirement while not clobbering investment or housing. The trouble is that this is not something that appeals to Labour or the Conservatives during an election campaign. But the underlying realities won't disappear by being ig-nored. Normal service will be resumed next year

The calculus of death

HE Watford rail crash was a dreadful and, almost certainly, avoidable tragedy: but it is important not to jump too quickly to conclusions. We know for sure that many of the passengers had a lucky escape: that both trains were relatively new 321 models, which saved lives, and that it was a blessing that neither train was going particularly fast. Nevertheless one woman — one of 400 commuters on the train — lost her life. Inevitably, the question of safety in a privatised rail sys-tem must be addressed.

These were North London Railways trains running on Railtrack track and signals. The fragmentation of the rail system between Railtrack and more than 90 operators and contractors has raised safety concerns about confusion over liability. Last month the all-party transport select committee condemned the way safety issues have been shunted into the sidings.

The Health and Safety Executive's inquiry into the crash will address the question of privatisation and safety. Good: answers are urgently required. One thing of immediate relevance is the introduction of Automatic Train Protection (ATP), a safety device which automatically applies the brakes if the driver passes a red light. If this crash was the result of driver error, it could have been prevented by ATP. Sir Anthony Hidden's inquiry into the 1988 Clapham disaster, in which 35 passengers were killed, recommended the introduction of ATP within

five years, but this requirement was not met because it was too costly. The transport committee said it was "deeply disturbing" that ATP pilot schemes had been dropped. Particularly since, after the Cowden crash in 1994, Brian Mawhinney, then Transport Secretary, ruled out "back-sliding" on the commitment. Even so, as Dr Mawhinney admitted by March 1995. ATP had gone no further than "full consideration". ATP, it seems, was knocked on the head by imminent privatisation: the cost implications would have cut the flotation value.

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ATP is expensive: the immediate in-troduction of ATP on all mainline routes would have cost 21 billion. Remember, you are far more likely to be in an accident walking or driving to the station rather than on the train. For each one billion passenger kilometres, there are 102 deaths on motorbikes, 68 pedestrians killed, 48 deaths on bicycles, 10.1 on ships, 4.2 in cars and only one on trains. The cost-benefit analysis is difficult, but it is likely that the cost of an ATP system wouldn't have been more than the administrative costs of privatising the railways.

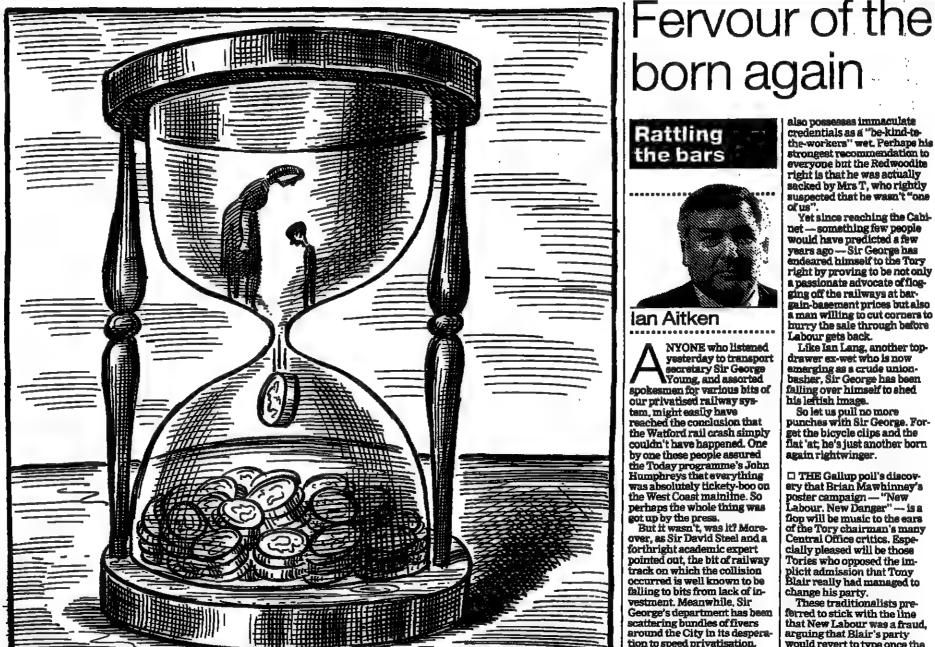
Whether privatisation played a role in the Watford crash remains to be seen. The Health and Safety Executive will address the implications of privatisation in this case, and for rail safety across the board. We should not jump to conclusions before its report is published, until the findings of the internal Railtrack enquiry are announced, or before the black boxes are examined and the drivers inter-viewed. But if privatisation is found to threaten the high standard of train safety the public deserve and has come to expect, immediate action is required.

MARTIN WOOLLACOTT laments both the mean-spirited US bill which will cut welfare and the claim that this change for the worse is a reform

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R JOHNSON said: 'A decent provi-

prepare the way for future reductions and privatisations. The one blurs argument, the sion for the poor is other is intended to blur res-ponsibility for what may be the true test of civicoming. The worst thing about most of the "reforms" is that they are not even honest in thei own terms. Theatre rather than true policy, they propose to end. dependency by putting people back to work but recoil from the costs and difficulties of actually doing so. Or they propose to transfer responsibility from the state to individuals for, say, pensions, but do this a precisely the time when a substantial minority can no longe look forward to the well-paid, secure work that could have financed such a shift. The American bill ends the federal government's commitment to provide aid to poor Americans, turning that back to the states, limits benefits to five years, forces welfare recip ents to work, bans welfare aid to legal immigrants, and cuts food stamps. Almost certainly. it will change less than it pretends to, shifting around the forms and sources of funding even as it imposes more unce tainty and humiliation on the individuals whose lives it will affect. But it will legally embody certain tendencies, certain meanings. First, it pulls back the federal government from its role of providing a counterweight to the prejudice incompetence and tight-listedness of state and local govern ment. That was a role which, under Roosevelt, then under Johnson, the federal govern ment played very effect providing for a time the heart down by the agricultural modening spectacle of one set of misation of the South, traumatised by the experience of government agencies harass ing others into significantly migration, and of unemploy-ment in the Northern cities to ter behaviour. Second. by encouraging all which many of them had kinds of experimental policies, it regionalises welfare, allowmoved, increasingly riotous and unruly, claimed the attening local government and local business to do what they will with "their" poor. Third, by its tion of their fellow citizens. The response was the Civil Rights movement, the Great Society, and the welfare revolution. definition of the problem as one Poor Americans, black and white, demanded and got beneof work-shyness or work refusal, it shifts responsibility



also possessas immaculate credentials as a "be-kind-tethe-workers" wet. Perhaps his strongest recommendation to everyone but the Redwoodits right is that he was actually sacked by Mrs T, who rightly suspected that he wasn't "one

or us Yet since reaching the Cabi-net — something few people would have predicted a few years ago --- Sir George has endeared himself to the Tory right by proving to be not only a passionate advocate of logging off the railways at bar-gain-basement prices but also a man willing to cut corners to burry the sale through before Labour gets back.

Like Ian Lang, another top drawer ex-wet who is now emerging as a crude union-basher, Sir George has beer falling over himself to shed his leftish image. So let us pull no more punches with Sir George. Forget the bicycle clips and the flat 'at, he's just another born again rightwinger.

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then, does American civilisi tion stand after President Bill Clinton's assent to a welfare bill which will cut entitlement to aid and which, according to one of its critics, could push as many as a million children into poverty?

The answer is that it is diminished by his action. just as on this side of the Atlantic we are diminished by the efforts of our eovernments to " reform our own welfare states. This hardly means that change in welfare is never desirable. But the very word "reform" attempts to capture the argumen fore it has begun. As Senator Daniel P Moynihan has said, what is happening is not reform but repeal. Throughout the West, a concerted effort to redefine the problem of poverty, unemployment and low vages as the problem of welfare has prepared the way for such changes. A similar pre-emptivity campaign insidiously suggests that we can no longer afford pensions and health care and public housing, as presently constituted and funded.

After a few years of this softening up, the public can hardly remember the earlier, fairer, terms in which argumer about social policy used to be conducted. It is now common ace to read articles which take as given that the welfare state must be reduced, in the interests of the US economy, or of European monetary union. or of business competativene or of the poor themselves. The fact that welfare spending has not actually been massively cut in any major industrial society so far is an indication of the attachment of most citizens to the welfare systems und which they grew up, of the inertia of large institutions, and the acy of the new solutions. But rhetoric, along with reorganisations that distance covernments from the agencies of social provision, continue to

for poverty from the workings fits they had never had before of society and the economy, and the government's oversight of Some were new, some had al-ways existed on paper but had these, to poor individuals them een denied in practice. White selves. Finally, it victimises iberals helped. The American nigrants, punishing the sick welfare revolution had its influ and elderly, many with long ence on the European welfare states as well. Its style and flam American working lives behind them, for the alleged free boyance affected inner cities in rides of other immigrants. all the industrial states The welfare explosion in the US in the sixties was an aspect It was a time of idealism and good intentions. But, undoubtof one of the most important dly, the welfare explosion was in part a placatory reaction to political changes in that country and the West since the the anger of the poor, particu-larly the black poor. The Amer second world war. Black Amer icans, their lives turned upside

can political scientists Frances Fox Piven and Richard Cloward, in their study of the American welfare state, Reguating The Poor, proposed the theory that welfare expansion représents government's resconse to an assertive and poter tally dangerous poor. Welfare reduction, on the other hand, represents a reversion to welfare's more normal, workenforcing role, in which the poor and unemployed are given harsh treatment of a kind that

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makes even poor-quality jobs eem a better alternative. This is so whether or not lobs are actually available, for the purpose is not primarily to find jobs for those out of work but to stage a warning drama for all workers. This understanding of the evolution of American w fare does not have to be wholly accepted. But it makes a plaus ble connection between falling welfare benefits and falling real wages, and the efforts of corporations to cut labour costs. "The moral seems clear they write. "A placid poor gets nothing, but a turbulent poor ometimes gets something. The poor, and workers in general, in America are clearly more passive than they were in the statics when their mobilisation was part of a more general cross-class phenomenon. In Europe there is more resistance to welfare cuts, particu larly in France. But in both continents. "reformers" push

their plans. Their failure to recognise

bow backneved are their arsu ments about work and depen-dency is dispiriting. Indeed,

those arguments go back to Elizabethan times, when the principle that poor relief should never be set at such a level as to be preferable to work was already well-established. The strictures about one-parent milies are also antique. Arguments about dependency are not to be dismissed, but they must always, surely, be second ary to the recognition that unemployment, dislocation and cultural damage come first and that to ask the victims to put

hese things right is profoundy wrong-headed The White House spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, says that everybody there when the decision about the bill was taken "was leavened by the sense of the historical moment. Everybody knew how big this was." Such hyperbole for as ill-conceived and ill-spirited a law as America has ever given forth!

spokesmen for various bits of our privatised railway system, might easily have d the conclusion that the Watford rail crash simply couldn't have happened. One by one these people assured the Today programme's John Humphreys that everything was absolutely tickety-boo on the West Coast mainline. So

But it wasn't, was it? Morever, as Sir David Steel and a forthright academic expert pointed out, the bit of railway track on which the collision occurred is well known to be falling to bits from lack of investment. Meanwhile, Sir George's department has been scattering bundles of fivers around the City in its despera tion to speed privatisation. The Watford crash, however, has at least managed to smoke Sir George out of his office and into the public eye Until Thursday he seemed almost invulnerable to press their cas criticism. Even the scandal of the £80 million killing made from the resale of Porterrook, one of three firms which bought out British Rail's fleet of trains, seemed to leave him untainted. It was "the Government" which was hlamed. not Sir George But this is distinctly odd. After all, Michael Howard car-ries the can when things go

wrong at the Home Office — as they usually do. So does poor little Piglet, aka Douglas Hogg, when the Ministry of Fish and Chips makes one of its frequent boo-boos. It is the same with the likes of Portillo, Gum-Gum, Roger (stripey-suits) Freeman, and all the the rest of John Major's dismal crew. So why not the Bicycling One can only assume that it is because Sir George is a thoroughly nice chap as well as an Old Etonian gent, and

THE Gallup poll's discovery that Brian Mawhinney's Poster campaign — "New abour, New Danger" -- is a flop will be music to the ears of the Tory chairman's many Central Office critics. Especially pleased will be those Tories who opposed the im-plicit admission that Tony Blair really had managed to change his party. These traditionalists pre-

ferred to stick with the line that New Labour was a fraud. arguing that Blair's party would revert to type once the election was over. Clare Short's latest outburst in which she denounced the whole image of New Labour as 'a lie", clearly reinforces

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So perhaps John Major's set piece conference speech in Oc-tober will after all include a glorious anagram which seemed likely to be ditched because of the Mawhinney line. For the Central Office gurus have spotted that an anagram of "Tony Blair MP" is "I'm Tory, Plan B".

O MY Diary colleague Matthew Norman revealed this week that Lord Tordoff, the LibDem whip in the Upper House, has been invited by Messrs Burke's Peerage to subscribe to their "World Book Of Tordoffs", but that they addressed their commu nication to "Mister" Tordoff. Now I have received a similar notice inviting me to sub-scribe to the "World Book Of Altkens", a volume in which, I am advised, I figure. The circular is addressed to a Mr F. Aitken.

means? As in, for instance: "Gathering together Charles Vidor's Gilda, Orson Welles's The Lady From Shanghai, Ozu's Record Of A Tenement Gentleman and Roberto Rossellini's Germany Year Zero among others, one can infer the schizophrenia of the highly charged post-war days. " (Independent, on the Edinburgh Festival.) "It has completely . transformed what was always a strangely schizophrenic building, not entirely for the better." (Architectural essay, Sun-

day Times.) "But he was curiously schizophrenic. I knew him for 40 years. He was very good to me and exceedingly cruel." (Malcolm Williamson on Benjamin Britten.)

These are purely random recent examples. Everyone does it. Please stop.

response to the trend. One Smallweed

the poll tax.

ERMITS are making a comeback. Increase ing numbers are registering. it is reported. and the Roman Catholic church, while others were Church has recently had to eremites, who lived in devise a new canon law in deserts and preferred not

anchorite practice (I hope I of those registered is the generously-tusked art have got the logistics right) critic Sister Wendy Beckdeveloped the practice of ett. who will one day be hermits associating in known as Britain's first TV groups, which gives us cenobites. and practitioners of hermit. There was, if I remember. a burst of appliidiorrythmic monasticism, cations for eremite status a from the Greek idios meanfew years ago, but they were people trying to dodge The new breed, it appears, is for keeps. **Reports of a hermit** explosion seem to refer to religious hermits only, though there is no obvious reason why you should not have lay hermits too, or atheist hermits even, brooding in deserts on the on-existence of God. But religion had hermits first. Some were anchorites, whose cells were linked with a nearby

ing particular and rhythmos meaning discipline. From these movements evolved monasticism proper (or in some famous cases, improper). In Smallweed's view, the ald distinction could well be applied to present-day hermits, too. Bremites would be those truly in retreat. Anchorites would be hermits with cell phones. I live in hope that the life of the cremite may one day come to appeal to Julie Burchill, A A Gill of the Sunday Times, the racing exhibitionist John McCririck, and other

notorious narcissists.

to deal with anyone. From

having one of its rows A stern-visaged, piercing-eyed figure marches towards the cameras. He is earded. He is Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North). It is always Jeremy Corbyn no eremite he. What has he ot that other dissidents haven't, apart from a brother who is an ace weather forecaster? Are viewers aware that when Corbyn stood for the Shadow Cabinet he gar nered only 37 votes? On the other hand, Ken Livingtone polled no votes at all. He didn't stand, knowing the kind of vote he'd have got if he bad. That Pete Mandelson, come to think of it, didn't stand either.

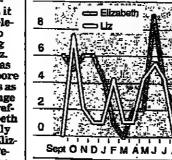
IGH on my list of hermits likely to register later this year is the actress Liz or Elizabeth Harley. Remember the

flurry of stories that she was joining the Catholic Church? A fur-lined cell in some outlying part of Belgravia seems her likely des-tination. The one thing holding her back, Smallweed is told, is the harm it would do to the Daily Telegraph, which depends so heavily on her for giving the paper a feeling of fizz. Some say its attention has waned since Charles Moore succeeded Max Hastings as editor. but the only change I can see this year is a preference for saving Elizabeth rather than Liz. Certainly her picture, captioned Eliz abeth, appeared in the Peterborough gossip column twice in the past two weeks. I asked my statisticians to plot the incidence of Hur-

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lev-fixation in the newspaper over the past 12 months. The results are at Figure 2. Note the dip at the end of the January and the | of a commercial for Ford

What's her name? Number of times in the past year Ms Hunley has been referred to as ither Liz or Elizabeth in The Daily Telegraph



ecrudescence which coincided with the spring.

HE Radio Authority, it was not very widely reported this week has ordered the withdrawal

vans after complaints from | to understand what it organisations representing schizophrenics. In the advertisement nade by Ogilvy & Mather the comedian Alexel Sayle was saddled with the statement: "You know, sometimes I think I'm schizophrenic. Yes, I do. Half of me wants a big van like the Transit, with its famed reliability and durability. Yet the other half of me wants a smaller, more compact van with the same attributes." Protestors complained that these maunderings mistakenly linked schizophrenia with the separate condition of split personality, thus contributing to the stigma

endured by sufferers. Is there any chance, I wonder, that the spirit of this ruling may begin to affect all those across the media who constantly

spray this term about without any apparent attempt

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Back to bare knuckles

This is reality fighting, as near to a street brawl as you can get in a fenced ring. It's a nasty hit in America and it may soon come here. RICHARD KELLY HEFT reports

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North Caroline, Despite hav-Mariott Lee was scheduled to ing to give away most of the tickets, the event turned a appear in a bout last Septem-ber but was injured in trainprofit --- about 85,000 houseing and was unable to fight.

Bouts in the Ultimate Ultimate fight in Denver. Colorado with \$150,000 UCITE MODEV at stake between eight contenders in the fenced-in octagonal

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MIKE PERSON

hold and force him to tap out. Predictably, the fight crowd is predominantly male, sged 18 to 35, and promotions are marketed to them. The synergy between Penthouse and Battlecade is no accident: at extreme fighting's first event Pet of the Year, Gina La Marca was introduced to the che ing throng between fights clad in only a thong bikini. Subsequently, four other Pets-of-thetoured the ring, and joined the front row where they were handed pom-poms and re-made into sideline

whole new clique of grand bohemians like Patrick Procktor and Peter Blake. I had known of him through the sixtics years as a legend. As a teenager in Belfast, my one dream was to acquire one of his dres

I got to know him personally much later, when I invited him back to the RCA to take part in an exhibition I the college's design over the past century. We grew quite Queen Elizabeth I stood for the last 12 days of her life. because she knew that if she close, talking at length about his life and aspirations. Lunching in the college, lay down they would all come and grab everything his eye would rove over the and it was her clothes that Hockneys and roefnily lin-ger on The Rake's Progress were keeping her upright — the next that an Indian army general had said that dancetchings. It was almost prophotic, the glorious decline ing with women not wearing and the dangerous indulcorsets was like dancing with an unshelled egg. ences that in the end He was filled with enthusibrought a kind of caim resigmation to Osnie's face. He ms — for a film called The looked totally at home there - the return of the prodigal. He started as he meant to to on, living on the edge. In his wilderness years he attracted a reputation for being difficult and his "own worst enemy". In his life, he said "he had experimented with every drug known to man until morphine gave him an Edgar Allan Poe ex-perience". But I had the impression over the last few months that he was trying to tabilise himself. Perhaps be was just too at-tractive for his own good. In the androgynous sixties, he found it hard to decline the nany invitations: "It didn't matter if you were a boy or a giri, you could be fancied by either sex and it was quite acceptable to go out with Lio-nel Bart in his Rolls Royce or have dinner with Hockney a backer. That won't be happening now. or go to Paris and see Madam Arthur and the transves-

Dasie Clark . . . was planning his comeback

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the company of someone so fearlessly honest. He was a

throwback to a time when it meant something to read

books and be cultured, to bother to recite a poem or to

lashes from flies' legs. At first I felt wary of meet-

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one's name, what they sounded like — and what they wore. He spoke vividly

FIRST met Ossie Clark a

year ago when I went to his flat to look at a python

snakeskin coat he had nade for Britt Ekland in the

out laughing. Ossie was a designer's

designer. He could think in three dimensions and make

a garment that spiralled itself around the body. In the last few months of his life, he found himself being drawn

back to where it all really

began — to the Royal College of Art, the place where he met David Hockney and a

describe how ancient Egyptians would make false ey

ing him — never confront your heroes. Within min-utes, I was under his spell,

about talking with Ossie was

that he remembered every-

of his childhood. At technical school, he met the first of

his many inspiring art teach-ers – Roy Thomas. Roy was mad about fashion and nur-tured Ossie's interest in

women's clothing and the

ballet. The intention at the school was to turn out ma-

This was a fortunate choice

because it taught him about proportion and volume,

which later became invalu-

and Ossie was allowed Saturday classes at Warrington Art School until his head-

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when he saw the first Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) about two years ago - a "reality" fight where the only prohibitions were against biting and eyecouging — he thought it looked like a "lot of fun". In his first fight against "a little 220-pounder", Varelans, a martial artist who is 6ft 8in and has a black belt in tae kwon do, took 16 straight bare fisted hits to the head before he responded with a single colossal elbow strike. "One of my stronger attributes has almays been how much abuse I can take and keep coming back," he says.

The same comment might be made about ultimate fighting. While politicians have pilloried it as "blood sport" or 'human cockfighting" and successfully campaigned to have it banned in state after state, its popularity and profit ability continues to rise. Batt-lecade, a subsidiary of General Media, publisher of Penthouse magazine, recently staged its first extreme bouts. The fights, in which kicking, head-butting and choking are permitted - indeed, encoured — were originally planned for a state-owned armoury in New York City. But with state senators howling disapproval, the group found itself scrambling for a site at the last minute. Promoters had just 36 hours

to set-up 500 miles away in

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the eight-fight card on pay-per-view television. UFC bouts routinely attract more than 300,000 paying viewers. But now bare-fisted fighting is facing its biggest challenge. Organisers are running out of places to stage their matches. Most bouts have taken place in states which do not have boxing commissions but in al-

most every state where "reality" fights (so named because they most closely resemble real street fights) have been held, legislation has been introduced to ban future events "Soon we are going to be limited to Indian reservations, says Battlecade's organiser and TV commentator, John Peretti, half-joking. "It's just not worth having \$1 million invested in a show and then having to pack and run at the last minute." If it becomes too difficult, organisers are threatening to

move elsewhere. The UFC's last championship, its eighth was held in Puerto Rico in February and the Battlecade next is booked for an Indian reservation near Montreal There are plans to stage events in Australia, Argentina - and Britain. "We think it would go over

really well in England," says Peretti, who plans to recruit British combatants. "There are some really tough guys over there." The UFC has already recruited a British martial arts champion. Marcus

other British fighter. American bout organisers see Britain as a potentially rich market. UFC claims to have sold more than 100,000 video films of fights in England, several of which have reached the top of the "special interest" video charts. And the organisers are in discussions with British cable companies about transmitting on pay-per-view basis. Organisers say they want to

legitimise the sport, yet they believe official condemnation has been valuable. "These people have been a great help," says Don Zuckerman, president of Battlecade, "Who would have heard of extreme

fighting except for them rant-ing about us?" Ultimate competitions are held in an octagonal ring surrounded by padded chain-link fencing. There are no rounds, time-outs, or weight classes. The battle rages until one fighter taps out, passes out or the fight is called to an end by the ringside doctor, referee or cornerman. So far the fights have proved to be less danger-ous than critics feared. There has yet to be any serious injury and some doctors claim the absence of gloves makes

the sport safer — drastically limiting the number of punches a fighter will throw. "When you pad the hand with a glove, you turn it into a weapon a fighter can use with

very little consequence to him-

1 saif," says Dr Joe Estwanik, who has been ringside for two UFC events and "hundreds" of amateur boxing matches. The result is that reality fights produce more superficial abrasions, cuts and swelling but far fewer long-term brain injuries. While promoters boast no fighter has ever spen a night in hospital, Estwanik believes a tragedy in the sport is inevitable. "I think we will

see a death eventually." While the bouts are undeniably brutal — a term which has been used by both critics and promoters — marketing has magnifled much of the danger. Advertisements show the most savage of punches. head-butts and kicks. Blood oozes from cuts and contestants are shown crawling away from victorious oppo nemts on red-acamen mars. "In a strange way, I think

they are marketing death," says Elliot Gorn, editor of A Brief History Of American Sport. "For example, why do they surround these guys with a cage? The implication is that this thing is so wild and out of control that it has to be contained in a fenced area — as if there is no telling what could happen if this violence were unleashed." The language used is simi-arly aggressive. The snarling larly aggressive. The snarl referee of the UFC events,

himself a former kickboxer, begins matches by pointing to ach fighter and barking "You Ready?" then bellowing: "Let's get it oconnnnn!" In fact, most fights rarely live up to the violence of the promotion. Many wind up as grappling matches with one fighte eeking dominant positioning in order to place his opponent in a choke or "submission"

While controversy may have helped fuel growth of the sport, company officials pri-vately admit they are concerned their shows could be dropped by cable networks if political pressure continues o mount. Although they are not sanctioned by any state, the UFC has set up and funded its own sanctioning

cheerleaders.

body, the International Fight ing Commission, with repreentatives of numerous fight ing disciplines on its board. Most fights are monitored by three doctors and combat ants are examined before and after bouts. And while blood

was allowed to flow freely in the early days, now a deep cut usually results in the ring doc-tor calling the fight. Meanwhile, some fighters

are beginning to become recognised in their own right. Polar Bear Varelans, who at 2 decided to give up a good job in Silicon Valley as a chip en gineer because he "still had a few wild hairs" left, claims he was unable to shop at Christmas because he was mobbed by autograph-seeking fans. He's never won a competi-

tion, but believes, as one of the youngest fighters in the UFC, that he will eventually. "Right now I'm like a big dull axe. But I'm sharpening my edge."

tites," he told me. It was exhilarating to be in of Art

Women, which didn't have a man in it, made as a sop to all the actresses who didn't get the Scarlett O'Hara part. Who else but Ossie would know that Norma Shearer had been only five foot tall? Ossie had no her money-making and "signed away" his early business nterests while rushing through some airport — tus like signing an autograph. (After his bankruptcy in 1983, he didn't bother with a ank account.) His final opinion on fashion was that it no longer ex-isted — "all the designers have been replaced by styl-ists". I'd been thinking that one day soon he would do something big again. He said he wanted to make a new beginning and was looking for

Susannah Handley teaches fashion at the Royal College

Please don't bother taking me to your strong leader



Martin Kettle

TRONG leadership is one of the most mis-guided political ambitions of the modern age. Our politicians never seem to learn this lesson. They aspire to be seen as strong eaders, yet strong leadership brings them only grief in the end. strong leadership was very particular. It was an idiosyn-cratic mix of simplicities.

Tony Blair's appeal is aturbuted by his advisers to his strength as a leader; yet this week he is paying the price of that approach in his dealings with Clare Short. John Major has made a cureer out of tryalso a hard act to follow, much ing to be a strong leader over

problems derive from the endless failure of this flawed ambition. What is the attraction of strong leadership, other than the fact that it is the opposite of weak leadership? In Britain, the term has a very particular connotation. A strong leader is a leader like Margaret Thatcher. A substantial myth has

grown up around Thatcher'

11 years in Downing Street. It

says that she was a politician

who knew exactly what she

wanted, stuck to her goals in

all circumstances, was proved

right, and was popular. Never

mind that the myth is a non-

sense, her successors try to

for 11 years themselves.

copy her in the hope of ruling

Yet Mrs Thatcher's form of

shouting and sex appeal. It

was not as successful as her admirers pretend, nor as pop-

ular - let alone right. It was

Europe; yet many of his worst | less to emulate, as Neil Kinnock and David Owen were soon to discover. John Major became popular enough to win an election, not just because he was not Mrs Thatcher, but because he wasn't like her either. He was admired because he didn't pre-

tend to be a strong leader. Later, when he did try, he got into trouble from which he has never fully recovered.

Part of the Tory Party still yearns for Mrs Thatcher, but many more still yearn for the strong leadership which they think she offered. They are hugely mistaken. People don't want strength; they want happiness. If they are very unhappy, as they were in 1979, then a bit of strength seems

a serious error to mistake means for ends. Like Kinnock before him, and possibly because he is receiving the same advice from the same quarter, Blair

persuasive and a plausible one. Fortunately, he is still both those things, but the attempt to be strong - in the Thatcher sense — is causing him nothing but problems and will continue to do so.

Strong leadership is essentially a con-trick, especially in the British context. Mrs Thatcher's version was Churchillian in imagery and moti-vation, and rested on an attempt to recreate the war and the British empire without the means to sustain either. It played well with the public be cause it was a dramatic conrast with what had preceded it, because it was brilliantly orchestrated by a populist media, and because British people like being told stories

piece of mutual delusion. It rested on the pretence that Britain could be "great" and "strong" again merely by an act of will or greasepaint.

get where he is today by being a strong leader, but by being a persuastve and a plausible persuastve and a plausible not strength. It is not surprising that

l pláce like Iraq.

trying to provide strong lead-ership. But I resent Labour go-ing down that same fruitless path. For Labour to try this people liked it. People like the idea that things can be trans-formed by a magic wand, a win on the lottery, a strong leader. tactic is to collude in a fraud. It s an example of the danger that parties find out what All these fantasies go together people say they want and then The approval of strong leader-ship is part of a national intry to give it to them; what they should be doing is to give them something and then see ability to confront reality. If strong leadership plays well in focus groups, as I pre whether they want it, a rather different use of public opinion. sume it must, then that find-

ing should not be misread. It is OR strong leadership is not the same thing as good leadership. Nor is it the same thing as the a sign that people do not have confidence in politicians, rather than a sign that they kind of leadership which is do. To try to give them this increasingly extolled and pro-pounded within the best and elixir is like trying to tell them they don't need to get out of bed in the morning. The most serious manage theory. In the end, the theory of strong leadership leads all myth of strong leadership pre-tends that decisions can be too easily to the cult of impetu ousness. It says that a leader taken and problems solved more easily than they really can. It lays claim to a power or manager must show he is over people's lives which polithe boss by acting in a manner which shows he knows his ticians do not have, outside a own mind, even if he doesn't.

I don't mind the Conservaand in spite of what others tives tying themselves in knots may think. The form takes priority over the substance, and there is an inherent temptation to pursue a wrong course of action in the name of consistency - another notable element in the vanity of strong

leadership. From here it is but a small step to the belief that strong leadership requires important decisions be taken with minimal consultation - a view which John Birt holds, among others. After that, the next stage is the belief that strong leaders should be en-couraged to be rule-breakers, so important is it to protect their precious leadership skill from costly and time-consuming distractions.

Good businesses are not run like this, and nor should good societies be either. In saying this, I am not saying that Tony Blair is now embarked upon a form of leadership in which he will necessarily take impetu-ous decisions, abolish checks and balances, and ultimately ambitions.

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turn into a corrupt leader. But I do think it is worth saying both that there is a certain psychological path opening up ere, and also that it is exactly what happened in the locus *classicus* of modern British strong leadership, the career of Margaret Thatche Strong leadership is, I

think, a denial of the realities of the world, both by the eader and the led. Our world is overwhelmingly a world of complex facts and theories, open systems of decision making, educated workforces, dialogue and compromise. It is not an accident that this is the characteristic civic and management mode of our time. Complex, flexible and tolerant systems exist because they work. Strong leadership systems do not. Strong leadership, if it actually means any thing of substance at all, is reactionary in the modern world and its protagonists are doomed to personal unhappiness and unfulfilled

attractive for a while. But it is

thinks he has to be a strong leader too. Yet Blair did pot

about how great they are. It was, nevertheless, a huge

16 LETTERS TO THE EDIT Life, death and twins

S with many of your correspondents on bortion (Letters, August 6-8) I take the view that it was wrong to abort one twin. However, what must be challenged is the oversimplistic solution of adoption as a means to resolve this dilemma and the concerns over unclaimed frozen embryos. If the mother in question had come to this agency for assistance, it is likely that our adoption panel would have had great

difficulty in concluding that adoption was in the best interests of one only of the children. There would be problems in

choosing adopters. It is not an easy task to help a child realise that, as a twin, he or she was placed rather than the other child. Does that make the child with the adopters special and chosen or just rejected? Faceto-face contact between the twins would also be needed — process that would need longterm mediation. It is an expensive process for agencies; might not the money be better spent in keeping the twins

with the mother? We would be more likely to work with the mother on investigating ways for her to bring up the twins herself. There has been little or no mention of support from the wider family. Moreover, there has also been an almost com-plete absence of any reference to the twins' father in all this. An adoption agency would car-tainly wish to interview him, not least to obtain information about his views and his social and medical background, the latter being vital knowledge for adopters. Some of the above also ap-

plies to the debate over the unclaimed five-year-old frozen embryos. In this instance the word "adoption" is used loosely, as it can only in law apply to a child once born. But if the law were to be changed and such embryos could be implanted, there are still issues of how substitute parents would

Having studied the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority's code of practice, I have no confidence in its abil-ity to screen would-be parents anywhere near as effectively as in the adoption process. Even if the procedures were

brought into line with those of

ndency to abuse patient confidentiality, and in doing so quotes the Hippocratic oath. The oath also contains a clause committing doctors not to pro-cure abortions. Can we be surprised that if doctors are so prepared to break one part of the oath, that they will also be prepared to break other parts? (Dr) J Heber. Pipehouse Lane Freshford, Bath BA3.

HE context in which this media storm is occurring is of interest. During the past three general elections, a series of abortion "scandals" was man-ufactured to raise the political temperature on this issue in the hope of obtaining restrictive legislation thereafter. We have recently had the foetal-pain syndrome, just declared to be nonsense by the BMA. Now we have these twins. Rest assured, between now and next May we shall have at east two more shock-horror stories, enabling Ann Winter-ton MP and her friends to demand changes in the abortion law.

Madeleine Simms. Dunstan Road, London NW11.

AVID Partridge (Let-ters, August 3) draws attention to a ruling whereby hospital au-thorities denied funeral rites. requested by the parents, to a foetus born shortly before 25 weeks, and therefore considered a miscarriage rather than a stillbirth. The converse situa-tion, arising when a foetus dies in users well before 25 weeks but is not expelled till

after that gestation period, car be equally heart-breaking. This was illustrated by a patient of mine, one of whose in our eyes twins died at about 16 weeks, and who was deliverd at term of a healthy child together with a fostus weighing only 42 (two ounces). Both parents were understandably dislates between advising caution over life on Mars and ressed to learn that this making some unwarranted barely recognisable scrap of humanity was officially a stillborn infant requiring notifica-

speculations. It is tumping the gun to say "we have turned a page in a new book", when all we have so far is one piece of tion and funeral arrange-ments, which they reasonably data. felt to be painfully inappropri-For the moment, the starter ate. In addition, cases of this nature (not rare in multiple could still recall the runners to their blocks — say, if the sample turned out to have pregnancy) can significantly distort the still-birth statistics been contaminated on Earth

Only if several more such

xtra-terrestrial fossils are

identified would we have a

Even then, life would not be

race on our hands.



Short orders for Clare

/OUR leader (Mars, our cos-T IS difficult not to read Clare Short's comments (Short flays Blair's 'dark I mic cousin, August 8) oscilmen', August 8) as sour grapes in the context of her public sulk at losing the transport portfolio. If she had intended her comments as constructive advice, she would surely not have chosen the pages of the New Statesman as the means

of conveying it. Could it be instead that the introduction of one-member-

Labour's obsession with the nothing short term to cancel media is "making us look as if the massive impoverishment of our poorest people, which threatens the very basis of our we want power at any price". she certainly doesn't mind get ting a piece of the action her-self. Perhaps Brian Mawhinsociety, and its longer-term plans are unbelievable as loror pey would like to offer ber a as it refuses to entertain a fairer tax regime such as that put forward by the Liberal job in Conservative Central Office. James Grugeon. 19b Cavendish Road, London N4 1RP.

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The silent majority of activists who make out that "this will all change after we win the election" have little evidence

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widely-respected speech to the Adam Smith Institute on July

All this is on the record.

Office of Clare Short, MP,

Daniel Harris.

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London SW1A 0AA

terror into our hearts

WHILE I have every sym-pathy for the families of victims of recent terrorist attacks, I do not see that the US can make any claim for moral leadership of the west-ern world (Master of the universe, August 7). Quite the contrary: why do the Americans see themselves as wear-ing the white hats?

Remember how the US navy shot down a civil airliner full of Iranian women and chil-

of its own". White man indeed speak with forked tongue. William Benton. 128 Allcroft Road. Birmingham 11.

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F the governments of countries A or B encourage their citizens to engage in hos-tile activities leading to death and destruction of property in other countries, we call that "international terrorism". If government Z enacts laws en-

adoption, we may actually be faced with an even greater vol ume of embryos being produced, of a market being created to meet the demand where market-created surpluses cannot be traded and even greater numbers therefore destroyed. Hence my agreement with Hugo Young (August 1) when he advocates IVF's abolition lest we "slide into the morass where life no longer really matters". J M Richards Director, The Catholic Children's Society. 73 St Charles Square, London W106EJ.

ATHERINE Bennett (Why we need to be scared of the doctor, plains about the increasing Hove BN3.

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to avoid such anomalies.

(Dr) Robert Heys.

(Abortion can still be the least of the evils, August 8) also respec the majority view in the popussarily sacred, and accep against the wishes of the civi-

(Retired consultant 'ubiquitous''. If this extraorobstetrician.) dinary discovery is indeed Hallfax HX6. **OES** David Steel

confirmed, life would still not be expected on most of the other seven planets of the olar system. To obtain similar data from planets orbiting remote stars is beyond reason able likelihood, so we would probably never know. As to God playing roulette,

there is no reason why God. having created a universe capable of producing the conditions for living organisms on Earth, could not also have created living things

That the Bible does not make reference to it one way or the other is hardly surprising, since its focus is how human beings can be recon-ciled with God through Christ. not whether evolutionary biology once involved a Martian step or two. (Dr) Donald M Bruce. Director, Society, Religion and Technology Project, Church of Scotland, John Knox House, 45 High Street. Edinburgh EH1 1SR.

/OUR leader (The high cost of name-dropping, August 9) is right that Harrods will go to the ends of the earth to proect its trademarks and to stop the unauthorised use of its name. But, among the instances you cite, you failed to mention the case of the Glascow market-trader in the city's Barras district, who painted his stall green and gold and called it Herod's. with a camel couchant on its coat of arms above the legend "By Appointment to St John the Baptist" Even we had to smile, once he had stopped doing it.

Michael Cold Director of Public Affairs, Harrods,

Knightsbridge London SWIX 7XL.

HE article Stargazers (August 6) may erroneously have given the impres sion that I deliberately withhold information from my clients if it is of an unpleasant

nature I do not see anything in a client's chart which I feel I cannot discuss with them. However, there may be sensi tive matters which require careful handling. The chart shows potentiality rather than certainty for the individual. I would never envisage a situation where I would see a client "dumping the bastard" rather, I would see a difficult and challenging relationship problem which needed to be urgently addressed. The final decision on the "dumping" would remain with the client. Pat Harris

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e-vote in the alections fo Labour's national executive committee — an extension of democracy and openness to rassroots members that hardly chimes with her portraval of the leadership as a closed elite — has caused her to tout for votee amongst the malcontents in the party at the expense of its electoral rospects? John Prescott received her views with sadness. What is even sadder is that Ms Short holds such obvious contempt for the overseas development brief that she cannot be bothered to maintain collective responsibility for its sake. Peter Metoalfe. 19a Cavendish Road, London N4 1RP.

T IS nonsense of you to as-sert that the Labour Party is losing touch with ways of en-gaging in debate and discussion (Leader, August 9). Far from centralised, the modern abour Party is more inclusive than at any time in its history. The process of changing Clause 4 was but the first example of Tony Blair's inclusive leadership style. The Road To The Manifesto is proof that this style remains undimin-ished. Far better than the days when manifestos and policies were drawn up in smoke-filled coms, with no involvement by ordinary members. David-John Collins The Butchers, Station Road Groombridge, Kent TN3 9QX

SURELY after over 13 years in Parliament and eight on the NEC. Clare Short has spotted that it's not all about every one being nice to each other. As someone who claims that

No frying tonight

RUARIDH Nicoll (Un-healthy Scots get fat chance of longer life, July 26) is right to say that the Scottish diet can be appalling but it is naive to use fish and chip shops as the only source of unhealthy foods. They are merely responding to consumer As a chef I, use the freshest of local produce (where possible) to prepare menus for a busy tourist trade, while proriding a choice of a variety of foods. After all, no food is "bad" for you: it is the combination of foods consumed which create bad nutrition or, for want of a better phrase. malnutrition". Social attitudes have to change, However, this is only possible with the support of ancillary services to schools and colleges --- such as school meals and contract caterers, or the mobile shops that trade outside school gates. It is a dif-

ficult task to promote healthy living in a classroom when, 50 yards away, the tuckshop ckons; and school meals, making a feeble attempt at "healthy" sandwiches, wilt at are more likely to appear.

ie in the run-in to TO COLLAIN eneral election is not a New centre of British politics that Labour idea invented by Peter Tony Blair promises anything Mandelson or Alistair Camp other than continuation of the bell. A similar episode hapconversatism which led him to stand as a Tory in his school pened in 1945 when Clemen Attlee famously wrote to Har elections. old Laski telling him "a period David A Dawson. of silence on your behalf would 38 Lynton Road, Southport PR9 3AW. be most welcome." Luke Akeharst. XCUSE ma, did I miss something? Clare Short thinks Tony Blair's advisers 19b Cavendish Road

HILE she was about it, are making an error in think-Clare Short could useing Old Labour is unelectable. fully have had a bash at news Though 17 years of Tory govpapers, including your own. ernment may have dimmed for so sheepishly falling in my critical faculties, is this not with the spin-doctors of Labour, adopting their lanreasonably strong evidence that Labour are (or were) guage and vocabulary, and docilely echoing their Andy Maslen superficialities. 161 St Albans Avenue, You have allowed the easy London W45JT. phrases "Old Labour" and BEFORE another myth be-"New Labour" to be bandied without question. The Labour may I point out to Mr Milne Party is much, much more than the pronouncements of a (Letter, August 9) and others iew individuals around West that a publicly-owned and pub licly-accountable railway is a minster. It comprises thousands of men and women slogan that encapsulates a desired aim, not a policy. It fell to Clare to take a lead in turning throughout Britain who are philosophically convinced of the necessity of socialism the slogan into a policy. This she did in consultation with Many support Labour's tradisenior members of the shadow tions not through a nostaliga for the past, but because they cabinet. The rail policy is laid see their relevance for the pres ent and the future. out in the party's transport policy document Consensus For Ian Flintoff. by the joint policy committee, the policy forum and the NEC. 22 Chaldon Road London SW67NJ. Details have been spelt out in her Swindon speech and the

ASUMING that David Bhunkett himself, and not e teenage spin-doctor, wrote the piece under his nam (Don't throw away victory, August 9), where is the beef beyond his glib phrases? Labour currently promises

the presence of the formidable

chip. topped with lashings of

It could be them

OGER Burton, of Birming ham City Council, has got the wrong end of the stick when it comes to the Lotter (Letters, August 8). As Lord Gowrie stated, there is plenty of money in the pot. The problem for Mr Burton s that London has got its act together. After major organisations in the capital responded to a new opportunity, we are now encouraging smaller ones to do the same

On the subject of "national" chemes, Mr Burton does a disservice to the country. Does he seriously believe that the lottery boards think that only London has national treasures? The Tate Gallery in Livarpool, the National Railway Museum in York and the National Armouries Museum in Leeds are as "national" as ovent Garden or the South Bank Centre, Birmingham should follow Lord Gowie's ad vice and focus on submitting successful Lottery bids. Robert Gordon Clark Director of Communications, London First. 6 Tothill Street

ne iran/ irac (when the US was quietly backing Iraq) with only muted expressions of regret. Rememr the extensive civilian "collateral damage" in Libya, in the abortive and illegal attempt to assassinate Colonel Gadafy? Remember the miner and deaths in Nicaraguan har-Territor. The US is only interested in achieving its own narrowly-

defined and self-defeating for aign-policy goals. Its hostile attitude to most socialist foreign governments (except when the perceived economic interest favours collaboration – like China) is quite absurd. Before we consider the possibility of excluding certain states, such as Iran and Libya from the global economic com munity, we should put our own house in order. How about a binding G7 treaty to adhere to (and define, where necessary) international law, with a fully-empowered international court, as opposed to the current misconceived, self-interested, realpolitik? An unlikely scenario, I think Andy Smith. 60 St Albans Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. Surrey KT25HH.

DRESIDENT Clinton, in ref Ference to the bombing of a US base in Saudi Arabia, said: America takes care of its own." According to official US Igures, 2,660 children are born there into poverty every lay, 27 children die each day from poverty, 8,493 children are abused or neglected every day. 15 children are killed by firearms every day, and 2,833 children quit school every day. Now, the president of the 'land of the free'' tells us that he is abolishing free medical care for poor people. All this in the nation that "takes care

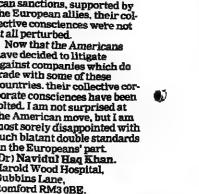
ΙΟΠΟΕ ΠΕΡΠ ΤΟ businesses and livelihoods in other countries, would such behaviour also be "international terrorism"? No — not if country Z is the US. If country Z sends its secret.

service agents to another country in order to trick its ruler into killing himself with an exploding cigar; or sends agents to another neighbouring country (let's say, country C for Chile) to assassinate its democratically-elected president - would it be correct to describe that behaviour as 'international terrorism''? Answer: still No --- not if country Z is the US Stanley Walinets. Greenacres, Mickleton Co Durham DL120LG.

AS long as the European Acountries were not affected by the sanctions which America applied against countries such as Libya, Iraq, Iran, Sudan and Pakistan, they supported them — even though almost all these steps, including the war against Iraq, were taken with blatant disregard for international law. As long as the people of these thirdworld countries suffered the tyranny imposed by the Amer can sanctions, supported by the European allies, their collective consciences were not at all perturbed.

have decided to litigate against companies which do trade with some of these countries, their collective corporate consciences have been jolted. I am not surprised at the American move, but I am most sorely disappointed with such blatant double standards on the Europeans' part. (Dr) Navidul Hag Khan. Harold Wood Hospital, Gubbins Lane, Romford RM3 0BE.

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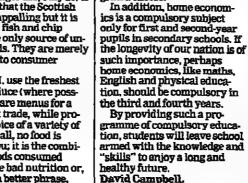
............ ----MACHYNLLETH: Last Sunday I trod for a mile or so in the steps of dear old George Borrow where he walked south across Cardiganshin He was making for Strata Flor ida and a poet's grave but it was not a good day. The whole scene, he says, was cheerless, and sullen hills were all around. But his spirits revived when he found the ancient yew-tree, which, by tradition, marks the burial place of the medieval lyricist, Dafydd ap Gwilym. Times have changed since 1854. Borrow had to ask his way to Strata Florida. Today, it is well sign-posted. What he saw of the old abbey was mostly piles of rubble but, since then, the archae ologists have sorted it out. George thought the ruins "sol emn and impressive" but maybe he would not think so if he got there today and found that visitors pay to go in. All the same, I think he would have enjoyed the little mu-

seum and the clear interpretation given of the abbey's history. The yew-tree he found is still in the churchyard and, though it is now 150 years older than when he knelt and kissed one of its roots, that hollow yew could well be putting forth green shoots 150 years from now. On Sunday, I was luckier than George with the weather. The sun shone warmly and a raven, two buz-2ards and a kite circled together in the sky. I tried to Picture what life was like in this once remote place hidden between the uplands and the great bog of Tregaron. And I thought of the historically-minded monks, who painstakingly chronicled, or made up. the tangled story of the Middle Ages. Then, just as they must often have done, I went for a walk upstream along the gently murmuring Teifl. Cardiganshire's longest and loveliest river.

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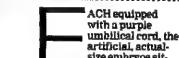
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The twins abortion case has given the anti-contraception campaigners Life a boost. In fact, says their leader Jack Scarisbrick, it was a defining moment

Life, death, and the total denial of sex





size embryos sitting on Professor Jack Scarisbrick's desk are made in Germany, actual size. One day (enlarged), five days, 10 days, one month, four months and, as luck would have it, there's a pair of twins, their development arrested in salmon-pink plastic at precisely five months.

"Look at this." he says easing one of the dolls from its plastic womb and cradling it in his curled palm. "It's al ready this big. Imagine killing it." He replaces it gently and straightens up on a triumphant note. "This week's been very good for us you know. Oh yes. I think we will look back on this week and see it as a defining moment."

Scarisbrick's own defining moment came at the birth of his elder daughter, 30 yeara ago. "I wasn't actually at the birth. I was cleaning the car,

of York] say it begins at 14 days, or 'life is a process ...'

A year later, in 1967, as his aughter celebrated ber first birthday, the House of Commons debated David Steel's abortion bill and Scarisbric found himself uncontrollably angry. "The intellectual vacu-ity!" he cries, eyes glistening with remembered fury. "I'd assumed Parliament was made up of intelligent people. There was old eyebrows Ram sey [the then Archbishop of Canterbury] going on about doctors being confused. And

Steel dismissing the child in the womb as morely a dependent. Well unless you're abso lutist your position is incoher ent." And Scarisbrick was absolutely absolutist. And so he started Life, an organisation absolutely, fun-

damentally devoted to banning abortion. No compromise, no half measures, no exception, just no abortion. No abortion, whatsoever. So. We are agreed on one thing at least -- although it's

ecreasing, the number of abortions in Britain is still alarmingly high. The most recent figure available revea that 166 876 abortions took place in 1994. I assume there-fore that the professor is in

favour of more effective meth ods of contraception? "Oh no," he says hurriedly, raising a hand in protest at such a suggestion. "Contraception only produces abortion!" And so we embark

but don't want children?

hurries on, ignoring this in-terjection. "Sexually trans-mitted diseases have reached epidemic proportions! We are particularly interested in chlamydia — it lurks dormant and an abortion will trigger it and it causes blocked fallopian tubes which leads to infertiliity." He sits back, adjusts his gold-rimmed spectacles and smiles at this grim

I try again. But if more conraception leads to abortion. how do people have sex when they don't want a child? "You tell them if you have

soon as they're becoming sexually active. You tell them," he says with a Billy Grahamesque fervour, "that it's a *jungie* out there. But what, I suggest, if

women want to have sex without producing babies? Perhaps they have careers, or as a ast resort prefer an abortion to the alternative of bringing

But if contraception leads to abortion what do people do when they want to have sex, "Then there's STDs," the professor of modern history Service. ę,

sex you'll almost inevitably have a baby. You tell them as

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up a child? "This is liberation is it?" demands the professor, slinging a foot on the desk before thinking better of it and

quickly taking it down. "Look l can see women enjoy sexual freedom but I think they always pay. Chaps win the sex



of women prefer abortion to the alternative and thousands of women who have abortions go on to have children. "Can I carry on?" he asks again. "Are families things you just switch on when you want? I'm against the whole

concept of family planning, you don't plan to fall in love! A plague on the bloody planners! Haven't we learned with town planners?" At that moment one of Life's

staff comes in, wafting a press release for the professor to check. It concerns an Italian girl who had a termination at five months. Only the baby wasn't terminated, it was spotted wriggling and kept alive. Now the woman says it's the best thing that ever happened to her

Though Scarisbrick is overjoyed he is also puzzled that Italy's birth rate is now, at 1.2 children per couple, officially the lowest in Europe. "I don't understand what's happened to Italy," he mutters. Is there a country which he feels has got abortion right? "Ireland," he says after a moment. "There's still a reverence for family life. There's a lot of happiness and joy and laughter in Ireland." But Ire-land is in the process of legalising abortion. "Yes," he whispers, "and the last time I was in Dublin I thought it a terrible place. Sleazy, sordid beyond words."

'You tell them as soon as they're becoming sexually active. You tell them that it's a

jungle out there'

Because they're legalising abortion? "Yes. At the centre of it all is abortionism. I fundamentally believe it's the root of the problems, the violence at the heart of our culture. If you get that right lots of other things fall into place. It is impossible to argue with such fundamentalism. But what does he say to the parents of disabled children. some of whom declare openly that they wish they had had the option of an abortion? He nods fervently. "Take Down's children. Every parent I've met with a Down's child says they bring out the best in people. Everybody is made better by them. The child will never mug anyone or be mean and beastly. They may be slower at learning but we take such a negative atti-tude. A Down's child is hunted ruthlessly in the womb. It seems pointless, but I will ask it anyway. Has he ever, even just once, doubted that he might be wrong? He shakes his head

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blood!" Anyway, he arrived at	punctuated by mugs of tea	a pair of tiny yellow feet em-					of killing can never be the
the hospital to realise that	stamped with Life's logo of a	broidered in the middle of his	was told as a boy that girls are	off, his tie swinging forward.	because the boy won't. Then	the Family Planning Clinic	right one. We've had every-
"like all men I knew nothing".	black embryo, will take us the	navy blue tie. The toes are	slower to arouse than boys.	And on the back I spot another	she has to take the morning	says, 'Oh you poor dear, you'd	thing at Life — incestuous
He strokes the model foetus of	best part of the afternoon.	pointing upwards, as if about	That's what my mum told	pair of yellow embroidered	after pill, that's being hawked	better have this'. Then you	rape, a 13-year-old, ethnic cri-
seven months with a signet-	"Let's be clear," says Scarls-	to walk up to investigate the	me." Scarisbrick, Emeritus	feet, the toes pointing down-	around the playground"	sall it for a fiver."	sis, a brother threatening to
ringed little finger and recails	brick, one of five children	knot. "I'm not saying women	Professor of History at War-	wards as if, having inspected	"Hawked around the play-	But, I say again, you are still	kill his sister because of the
following his daughter's de-	himself, including a brother	are all innocent little things,	wick University, is 87.	his neck, they are en route for	ground?" I protest. "I thought	assuming that girls don't want	stigms she had brought on the
	affected by Down's syndrome.	but look at the pressure for	So what, I wonder, does he	his groin.	you had to get it from a	to have sex. "Well, look, can I	family, a father committing
"When she was born it was so	"We're talking about contra-	people to have sex. Unless	think sex is for? Should it be	"A girl has got to be sexu-	doctor."	carry on with my morality	suicide, an Indian walking
	ception when, in fact, what	you're doing it, you're a wimp!	restricted to procreation	ally available as soon as she's	"Yes, but you don't use it	story? Which goes like this.	along a rail track through
	masquerades as contracep-	And girls' magazines, not just	only?	able," he rattles on, and there	and then you sell it to a	The girl gets pregnant, has an	shame. I don't think there's
was just an incident along the	tion is an abortive agent. The	men's magazines."	"Oh sex is a god. We're	is nothing for it but to sit and	friend."		anything we have to learn
	pill is intended to cause an	Can you accept that women	obsessed with sex. It's un-	listen to his vision of today's	"Really?"	she eventually wants to and so	about the human
Winston (Lord Robert Win-	abortion rather than to stop	might want to have sex with	healthy. My personal opin-	youth. "If she wants to learn	"Oh yes, they go along to a	her husband leaves her."	predicament."
stonl or that buffoon Hapgood	ovulation. So is the IUD and	no strings? "I'm not an expert	ions on sexual morality are	the plano or ballet she can't.	family planning clinic and	The trouble is. I don't recog-	Except perhaps that people
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Ageing rock star of the world revolution

Fidel Castro has been in power for nearly 40 years and shows no sign of giving up. BELLA THOMAS reports on this most enigmatic and pragmatic of leaders as he turns 70

HEN Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, it was his youth that was part of the sensation. One of the ironies of that feat is that he should have grown

old in office. Turning 70 years of age on Tuesday, as the world's longest-serving head of State but one (after King Hussein of Jordan), he cuts a rather different image: his continuity or his staying power is his most arresting feature these days. As a hangover from the heady days of the sixties, he is not unlike the phenomenon of an ageing rock star.

His heard is grey and a little lean. His speeches, once famed for their length and fire, are now less protracted and usually delivered from a chair: his climactic points are often spoken in a hoarse whisper, and there are long dramatic pauses. He employs gravitas where once he exercised passion. His sestures tremble, he moves slowly and, on the advice of his doctor, he no longer smokes cigars, although he sucks at his cheeks as if he did. In spite of all this, his

charisma has not weak-ened, and he still possesses an extraordinary capacity to stir his listeners. His appetite for realpolitik remains undiminished, he can still make waves in international circles like few others and there are

no signs of a replacement. But Castro faces a dilemma. To change or not to change? Since the fall of the Berlin wall, his generous Soviet sponsors have petered out. Having institutionalised his revolution, the system over which he presides has rigidified and become resistant to

change. International commentators have long been placing bets on whether or not he would last the winter (or, more relevantly, the summer, which is gruel-ling in the Caribbean). But although only minor adjustments have been made, not least the open-armed welcome offered to foreign investors, Castro appears to have defied the odds yet

again. The dilemma, however, still stands. The past five years have seen the Cuban leader wrestling with the idea of the market: to let it in or to shut it out? As a result, it has been an

acutely ambiguous period. Private restaurants have been allowed, and then banned, and then allowed again — but they must accommodate 12 chairs only; the US dollar has been legalised but the runners on the black market are pur-sued as the arch-enemies of the revolution: economists are given a little more voice to draw up elaborate ideas, and are then issued with warnings. Castro recognises the is enough of a realist to need to harness the ingenu- adjust. In many ways he



Bearded one: Castro's charisma has not weakened and he can still stir his listeners PHOTOGRAPH, EDDIE ADAM

ity and the muscle of the has lost his revolutionary market, but he does not edge. His rule has been marked by extreme cauwant to be rocked by it. Many American critics tion and indecision in the argue he is still essentially a Marxist Leninist at heart past six years, rather than by ideas of transformation and that, if you believe his This is perhaps underpillow talk about open standable in view of the hostilities with the United States and the raucous crite trade, then you have, like so many others, been duped. This, however, misses icism from Cuban exiles in the point. Like most lead-ers, Castro's chief ambi-

Miami. Yet being a consummate politician above all else, he turns these hostion is to stay in power; he tilities to his own benefit. It is his position as a stalwart, embattled national-

ist leader of a small island standing up to an aggressive superpower that allows him to preserve his revolutionary image. (And, incidentally, makes his military fatigues a serious statement instead of a curious piece of nostalgia for the heydays of the Sierra Maestra.) His own legendary cha-risma should not be under-

estimated as a factor behind his survival. It is not merely his charm or his rhetoric. He possesses an encyclopedic knowledge with which he often staggers his audience. He can deliberate on the latest moves in biotechnology, talk for hours with ambe sadors on Swiss cheeses or debate the fate of factories in northern England with visiting businessmen.

His favourite subjects tend to be science and athletics, to which he brings a bizarre moral focus. It is all part of the inflated be-lief in himself as an Euglightenment figure. That Cuba did so well in the Olympics may well be a measure of his personal en thusiasm for sport — he gave the team a vigorous pep talk before the event which turned into a warning for those thinking of defecting after seeing the glitter of Atlanta.

Another facet of his al-lure is his penchant for paradox. His ability to shock prevents him from being seen as one of those faceless, dried-up Eastern European leaders. Take the following: at a diplomatic reception in Havana. Castro was overheard talk ing about Manuel Fraga, a significant figure of the right in Spain — he is the current president of Galicia and General Franco's former information minister. Fraga was the only

Western dignitary who was prepared to entertain Castro abroad in the early nineties, partly because of the Galician connection, Castro's father having been born in the region. At this reception, Castro described how much he admired Fraga in terms that might alarm Cuban-loving British socialists. "He is a good man," he said. "I would not even mind meeting Margaret Thatcher In fact, if I had been a European, perhaps I too would have been on the right." What do Cubans think of all this double talk? Of Castro himself? This is the question which it is impos sible to gauge properly in the absence of free elections. One meets plenty of frustrated individuals who are incensed that they are allowed to do so little to improve their own livelihoods; in spite of some decentralisation, the State still controls almost every aspect of the economy, except where the black market gets away with it. The best many people are able to do is to keep pigs on their balconies, and sell the pork on the sly. But even the most embit tered individuals have a highly ambiguous reaction to their leader. They are still awed in some degree, recognising that he makes an impact internationally and that, besides, they have no alternative. In fact, one begins to realise that ambiguity is part of the intoxicating Cuban experience.

As a result, it is likely that Castro will not be ousted before he dies ("if" he dies, as one official recently put it). The odds. given his liking for round numbers, are that he will see in the new millennium in his present role.

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Cleese, Idle, Jones, Chapman, Palin, Gilliam ...what made this team unique? **Twenty-one** years on from Monty Python **And The Holy** Grail, **TERRY JONES** (above) looks back with affection, while today's comics consider their influence



On the trail of the Holy Grail . . . 'Python was collaborative, anarchic in the true sense. What were we trying to achieve? Silliness' - Terry Jones

Something completely different

TWAS 1968, we had got together as a team and started writing sketches for a BBC series. All we needed was a name. A Horse, A Spoon And A Basin was a runner for a while, but it wasn't quite right. My per-sonal favourite was The Toad Elevating Moment, which arose from Graham Chapman's fevered brain. Mike Palin suggested something along the lines of Elsie Parfitt's Flying Circus, named after the woman who played the plano at Southwold Women's Guild. We finally decided on Bun, Wackett, Buzzard, Stubble and

Boot. Then, just as the programme title was due to go in the Radio Times, the BBC said sorry, it's too silly. They told us it had to be something Circus because that was the working title on the manuscripts. OK. John

the parrot sketch — so you the third they even wanted to see the scripts. couldn't actually tell who had It was a logical progression for us to make films like the written what. Eric always wrote by himself: Wink, Wink, Nudge Nudge was typical Eric. There was also a split about the form we thought the pro-Holy Grail. The trouble with TV is that you can't perform and be behind the camera at umme should take. The the same time. But we realised that to protect our material we'd have to direct. Cambridge team wanted a simple sketch show. The Oxford team wanted it to have a shape that would make it

ing a documentary series about the Crusades it struck different. This elusive shape came to me one day after 1'd me how much the ancient watched a cartoon by Terry chroniclers nicked from Pv-Gilliam in which one thing thon. We were filming in merged into another. We were northern Syria when we disalso great admirers of the Goons, who showed us that we covered that in the 11th century one of the Crusader kings nad been thinking in clichés. tried to impress on another that sketches could start out leader how tough his men were by getting them to jump one way and end up in a totally different, illogical place. I supfrom the top of the castle. Natpose we tried to exploit TV like the Goons did radio. urally, they all killed them-selves. Pure Python. Last but not least, Laurence Sterne was a great influence. In Tristram Shandy, he took a novel and huggered around with its form. One chapter headed something like A Chapter In Which Nothing Hap pens, consisted of a couple of blank pages. Inspired. Although we worked in eams or individually, Python was collaborative, anarchic in the true sense, in that there was no one ruler. People say that John and I were fighting all the time, but I don't remem ber it like that. We'd argue about scripts, but we weren't fighting. By the end of the second series, John was bored but we hadn't fallen out; he just wanted to do his own show. Perhap it seems astonishing today that the BBC let us into their studios, but in the late sixties/early seventies there was a totally different climate The producer was still the driving force and the BBC took ide in never censoring anything. The heads of programming never asked to see a show beforehand, and comment was reserved till the meeting after it had gone out. But even in the short lifespan of Python, we

Python in perspective 😪 🛃

STUATT LEE Monty Python was the promise of fifties, post-war, surrealist, Goons-type humour fulfilled on TV. They were important in a similar way to punk. Not many people copied them, but they opened up the possibilities. They abandoned punchlines, didn't satirise specific figures and used techniques from othe untorma like Buñvel's films. There are only about four minutes in every episode which are less than terrible, but even when it doesn't work it is really admirable. They were hated at the time, the BBC never scheduled them properly, but now they are really proud of them. I don't think the programmes would get made today.

were trying to do. Basically they were repressed public school boys giggling at sex. Mostly we don't need Oxbridge types on the circuit, they're a real pain, but they were the only ones to do the high brow stuff well. They were all talented and it was an unusually effective combination like it most when they play vomen because it's deadoar and not camp. The Grim Reaper ketch is great. What really, really irritates me is that they're always quoted by drunken

DYLAN MORAN Monty Python made everybody

who didn't think they were funny feel they should apologise for it. A lot of the sketches didn't work or were repetitive to the point that you wanted to shriek at the

There's a space in comedy now for people who are not that funny but are different and clever and it's PC to like them. Monty Python were the first to start this trend. But I do really like the Ministry of Funny Walk ketch because of its sheer absurdity, i'm a major John Cleese fan — his standards are imped cable and I think A Figh Called Wanda was the best British nedy in 15 years

LYNN FERGUSON Monty Python opened up the exetch show format to include absurd, probably drug-induced hings like knights and dragons One of my favourites is Robin Hood stealing lupins - very bizarre. Everyone who was into evil, satanic music loved Monty Python. They used TV for. Television

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best thing that ever happened to Belfast. I remember someone saying in the seventies, only half-jokingly. And they were-if you needed to blow up your was loking. car for the insurance or were stuck for a subject for a dodgy drama. You couldn't throw a stone without hitting a film crew or a hot-shot correspondent. The city had the glamour of danger, it was up there on the world headlines with Jeru-salem and Geneva — not bad for a town that's basically Barnsley with worse weather. Then came the ceasefire cue tons of tourist puffery about how the bigoted beasts of vore were actually quaint and quite charming really; that bar the odd bazooka attack there was hardly any crime, and whatever you say about sectarianism, it did make for a great sense of community. So it wasn't going to be long before Belfust was deemed saf enough to take its place beside Surbiton and Scouseland for The Troubles, The Sitcom, an hilarious story of everyday Pappies and Prodies swapping Pappies and rules swapping banter and cups of Semter across the Peace Line. Thus we have Safe And Sound (BBC1) — the irony is unintentional, I'm sure — a series devised in London, written by an American and produced by someone who had previously never set foot in Northern Ireland. In short, the

drama. Having said that, it was not as bad as it could have been. Which means it was not as squirmingly awful as the one previous attempt to harness barricade humour, Marks And Gran's So You Think You've Got Troubles, a single arthritic joke — "Are you a Catholic Jew or a Protestant Jew?" spun out into a series. True, starting with a Romeo and Ju-list, love-across-the-sectariandivide storyline was a mistake -you could almost bear the province's 1.6 million people sigh, "Sweet Jesus, not again.

usual story of BBC regional

plash is the new s of Zio seen as the father in The Family) is Dougy, the spivvy Orange owner who has en-slaved his Catholic mechanic mate, Tommy (Des McAleer), while lusting after Tommy's sassy sister, Eleanor (Michelle Fairley). A blatant piece of anti-Protestant light entertain ment if I ever saw one. The cast is also thick with Taigs. These things will be noticed. I wish I There are some very good.

lines (Tommy to estranged wife: "Everybody has to have their chance for happiness." Wife: "I had that very thought when I packed your bags.") The hairstyles aren't far out either. There were far more atrocities committed in Belfast hairdressers than on the streets. Perms have to be tight enough to hold a fag, keeping your hands free to pour a vodka or to flip your pineapple and black pucking soda farl pizza over in the frying pan. What it lacks, though, is that authentic, dry-as-ground-glas Belfast humour.

Ulster and humour have always had an uncomfortable relationship. It's the first thing that goes after the drinks cahinet when you are born again. Belfast has more fundamental ists than the Bible Belt, and liberals can take then off to Tehran if they don't like

Humour has also been the biggest TV taboo of the Trou-bles. The BBC hasn't had the balls for it. It's tip-toeing out of the bunker now, but this is soft, ceasefire, government-in-formation-film humour. Safe And Sound has a Van

Morrison theme tune, like A Time For Peace, the govern-ment ad that ran interminably during the ceasefire imploring the populace to behave themselves and which proba-bly drove them back to the bar-ricades. The ad had an RUC man patting the head of a wee croppie boy he'd have batoned *l* h before (if the boy hadn't bit him first), flowers blooming out of tank traps and murdered police reservists lepping out of the grave to ceili dance with their killers. All very laudable but cloud cuck-

You get the feeling that poor Tim Prager, who for an off-the-shelf scriptwriter has done a very good job, has been sad-died with the same scenario. If

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Cleese said, something slimy like a python. Eric idle decided we should have some name reminiscent of a seedy music hall entertainer, like Monty. I rushed home and told my brother that after months we had finally got ourselves a title, Monty Python's Flying Circus. He told me it would never stick.

The Python team was split into two camps: Oxford and Cambridge. Mike and I had met at Oxford University and had started writing together for the BBC. Terry Gilliam became an honorary member of the Oxford team. John, Graham Chapman and Eric were the Cambridge team. We be lieved we could create the funniest show around, but we weren't quite sure how. John and Graham always wrote together, and in the early days they were responsible for the more cerebral, linguistic bits like the Parrot and Cheese Shop sketches. Mike Palin and I went for the sillier, more visual things like the Spanish Inquisition and Spani. But eventually we started parodying each other - for examp we wrote a sketch naming all the stars in the Zodiac which was actually a piss-take of

Would we do anything dif-ferently today? Well, perhaps we'd make it less boysy. I suppose Python was pretty sexist Carol Cleveland was the token. occasional woman and she just played outrageous bimbos --- but we didn't understand sexism then. We did try out actresses for bigger parts. but it always seemed funnier when I shoved on the old frock

Recently, when I was mak-

and raised my voice a few notches People tell me that we made a hugely important contribution to the history of comedy, but I'm not so sure. Things always seem better, more impor tant, in retrospect. While Python could attract nine million on a good day, a sitcom like Till Death Us Do Part could hit 20 million. The films were successful, but they were never blockbusters. What were we trying to achieve? Silliness.

We tried to create something that was unpredictable, that had no parameters. Perhaps the fact that Pythonic is now in the dictionary is a measure of our failure.

Terry Jones was talking to Simon Hattenstone. The 21st anniversary video of Monty Python And The Holy Grail with the "missing 24 seconds" released on August 19.

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I've always thought of Monty Python as the Beatles of comedy because they liberated it. I know John Cleese saw the Goons as being particularly influentiel, bui I never found the Goons that acessible. Certainly the roots of my comic interests are firmly planted in the Python era, and I understood them aven as a child. My favourite sketch is

Lumber Jack FELIX DEXTER l loved the fact that they didn't perform "jokes", but rather, routines which were abstract. My avourile of the Python team w Eric idle --- It was obvious he wasn't a petrician who viewed comedy as an artform. I enjoyed the graphics they fused with the es. as they acted as a visual extension of their comedy style. The main appeal of their humour was that it was childle? ust plain silly.

RHONA CAMERON

They were the first people to do an intellectual piss-take of Brit-Ish standards. By attacking middle-class uptightness which we're all subject to, they also took the piss out of themselves. Chris Morris is the best contern porary solution to what they

television. When they did work, they were postry. And the laugh ter was often sudden, dark, hvserical. You feit grateful to them and their blessed perversions. They showed me it was possible to do exactly what you vant before a mass sudience. My favourite scene is John ese in the chaese shop chasing away the Greek ancers.

MARK THOMAS

Monty Python were very important but not as important as The Goone, who were more anarchic. Monty Python occupied a space that was made for them by the brilliance of The Goons and Peter Cooke. They were funny because they were chill cally aware that they were biting the master's hand — taking the piss out of the people who employed them. When I watched them back in the seventies, there was the feeling that I was watching something a bit rebelllous. The Life of Brian was al-

most a precursor to the Pistola taking the piss out of religion

DOMINIC HOLLAND I'm not a huge Monty Python buff. Some episodes I don't find tunny and some I don't get at all.

plays, and the size of its listen-

ership. The rarity of the simple announcement "This is Radio

4" is born of the certainty that

Many of the newer commer

cial stations approach lingles

and name checks with all the

hurry. The Viva jingle even begins with what sounds like

to mow down the last remain-

finesse of an axe murderer in a

achine-gun fire as if it's keen

listeners will know they are

listening to the real thing.

Name check it out

Radio

Lyn Gardner ******************************

OU CAN "Keep in tune with Classic FM". Radio 2 is "Always at your service, throughout the night and day". On Talk Radio you can stay in touch with "the issue of the day, the opinions that count, the advice that natters".

number of jingles and name checks that a radio station

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eners it has left. Some ingli go so far beyond the minimum There appears to be an in-verse correlation between the requirements for station identification, that the name check jingles become like the musings of an amnesiac who has been told his name but doesn't quite believe it. In between Tanya Tucker moaning for her man and adverts for line dancing. Country 10.35am announces itself with

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comedy in a new way. What Den nis Potter did for drama on TV, Monty Python did for cornedy, at a time when averyone else was going along the Morecombe & Wise road. Most people aren't clever enough to get away with "Intellectual" comedy. They were apolitical, going after pure humour, with no subtext. They were tunny first and clever after wards. Everybody loves the Parrot sketch. You keep thinking they did this brilliant sketch and then you remember oh shit, they did that as well. It's a bit like the with Bob Dylan. JEFF GREEN The Life of Brian is my favourite

flim of all time. I die laughing at the scene "Are you the Judean People's Front? No, we're the People's Front of Judge." The British are world leaders of the surreal — think of Eddie Izzard Reeves & Mortimer, The Young Ones. But when we face the Americans toke for joke, we're not that hot. Monty Python were the ultimate in surreal, quirky British humour. But they did make It big in America — the only other person who manage that was Benny Hill.

Interviews: Justina Hart

revealed the refinement and discipline of an orchestra which is only six years old. Lyadov is a restrained miniaturist whose talent is for colour rather than develop ment. He lacks either Stravinsky's feel for action and rhythm or Scriabin's instinct for tonal danger, but the angu-

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Almeida, London

Murder In The Cathedra

HIS is a strange occasion: a

TS Elliot's 1935 verse-drama

from exile aware of his im-

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falls into the dubious statement category. Why not "as much a part of London as beggars in the Strand?" There are plenty of other offenders. Talk Radio's "great talk all the time" is economical with the truth. It's great talk about 20 per cent of the time, mindnumbing inanity 80 per cent of the time. But that's the nature of phone-ins.

played by a new company Then, there are the comcalled Art-Inter Odeon. When pletely meaningless jingles. Viva's "Aren't we lucky, or what? Viva!" is a real winner one learns that it was formed from the relics of the oppressed Odeon Theatre Bucharest, that it is homeless, strugin this category. But I'm also pretty taken with the Christian gling and heavily involved with a Romanian orphanage, station Premiere's "Where the good news makes the differone desperately wants it to succeed. And one can truthfully ence". The difference to what? However, when it comes to say that this production by Mijingles you can't beat Radio Two, whose entire output hai Maniutiu shows a powerful theatrical imagination. sounds like a jingle. Even noti-How well it serves Eliot's infication of the travel news is tention is more open to debate. done in catchy Ovaltiney Eliot's play presents probstyle. A few years back Radio 2 lems in any language. It shows Thomas Becket returning had one of the all-time classic from France in 1170, confront-Radio 2" You and a few miling the temptations of a mar-tyrdom, which he finally lion others, of course. Its latest is a real gem, too. "Whatachieves through a brutal ever you do, we're here for you." Well, I'm off to commit stabbing justified by its perpetrators on the grounds of politthe crime of the century, conical expediency. But, dramatifident in the knowledge that cally, there is little Radio 2 will be standing by me development. Becket returns

But this tale of two pais who run a backstreet garage does have something. Some very good actors have created halfbelievable characters - what every sitcom must have if it is to survive its scripts. Sean McGinley (recently

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he is put in the position again, there is lovely bit of Ulster vernacular he might like to use: "Away and bag yer shite." Let Belfast speak her own lines,

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ing and richly applauded. Mortin Kettle pending fate, and there is little sense of dramatic development. Steven Pimlott's solution in a recent RSC production was to put the play into 1930s costumes and remind us of the resurgent worldwide conflict between Church and State. Maniutiu's solution is to go all out for theatrical Expres-Sionism: we get buzzing choric chants, a wide range of stringed, piped and percussive instruments, bisexual and dark-glassed tempters, and the constant presence of a ragged, crop-haired, androgynous figure who seems a mixture of Becket's internal conscience, alter ego and spiritual LITOID.

Mantutu suggests that Becket is a Christ-figure heroically resisting the temptations of earthly power. As played by the magnificent Marcel Iures, who has the bony ascetism of a saint, he radiates spiritual authority. The reading verges on the hagiographic and under-cuis Becket's historic past as a wily politician. But this stunning piece of imagintic theatre is movingly executed, implying that spiritual dignity is the best answer to an oppressive state.

> Michael Billington 4

BARRY ADAMSON Oedipus Schmoedipus

could see the culture chang-

ing. By the second series the

before they went out, and by

wanted to see the show's

Q (4/5),

"A wonderfully assured and cleverly experimental album"

Time Out 🤚 "(his) ability to create true ambience, fuelled by dusty

soundtracks and killing jokes, is keener than ever"

The Guardian

"his music has less in common with DJ-drones... and more with the work of Burroughs or Jean Luc Godard"

NME (7/10)

"One sexy shenanigan after another"

Guardian Guide (Album of the Week)

"one mother of a record" 🚽 🐃

The Face

"Adamson's time has come



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such monotonous regularity that you begin to think it pro-tests too much. Still you can't entirely condemn a station that boasts a travel news pre-senter who can make the Hangar Lane gyratory system sound like a deviant sexual act. She should be put in charge of jingles immediately. LBC is another station in the threes of an identity crisis.

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constantly repeating its name as if in need of reassurance. "LBC is back, new for 96. Tell us the things we are great at and where we need to get bet-ter. Call the LBC listener line. We listen to you, because you Radio 2 will listen to us." I just love the way all the way.

Robbie Vincent plays that just after he has cut off some poor, mild-mannered soul who dares to disagree with him. Such a great sense of irony. LBC's "As much a part of

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Diaspora is the new star of Zion

The Guardian Sa

As Israel turns in on itself, and Zionism runs out of steam, the scattered Jewish communities of the world are now setting their own independent course, says IAN BLACK

Illustration by GEOFF GRANDFIELD

CONTEXT



Levantine in a chandeliered banqueting suite in the north London sub urb of Finchley --- weddings and barmitzvahs a speciality - as several hundred Jews gathered impatiently to hear the results from Tel Aviv.

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in Israel was on

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May 29 this year

Harassed catering staff dished out soft drinks and hefty portions of chicken schnitzel in pitta bread while commentators commented and the exit polls showed a tiny lead for Shimon Peres. By the time the session brok up the pubs were long closed and traffic was thinning on the North Circular, but a Labour victory was looking much less certain.

Over 2,000 miles and two time zones separate that snug suburban corner of the dias-pora from the Jewish state, but the election night special throbbing with heat, confusion and an excitement that was both direct and vicarious - was a powerful reminder of the passionate attachment of a peculiar people to their promised land.

Yet in the centennial year of the birth of modern Jewish nationalism what is striking s how the relationship is evolving into something different. From Finchley to Jeru salem and Florida to Tel Avay, Jews and Israelis are looking at each other through fresh and more critical eyes. By the waters of Babylon they weep not, these days, when they remember Zion.

Theodore Herzl would not have known what to make of it all in 1896, when he came up with the estraordinary idea that after nearly two mil-lennia of cycle and dispersion the Jews should again live in one land he argued that anti-Semitista was an insoluble. ineradicable problem.

For this highly assimilated, German-speaking Hungarian Jewish journalist, based in Paris for a Viennese newspaper, a homeland was the only answer to the Jewish question Unless the Jews left Europe, Herzi warned, after being "converted" by the Dreytus affair, they would face catastrophe. If you will it," he famously quipped ---with the huckster's gift for self-promotion that David Goidbert observes in his andiversary study of Zionist Nought" --- "it is no dream.

It wasn't. But the author of Der Judenstaat died in 1902, so he saw member the catastrothe nor a vision whose fulfilment in the end owed more to Hitler than Hercl and as much to biblical atavism as

the business-prospect practicality of his project. Herzl thought Argentina might do (and later looked at Uganda) though he added, almost as an afterthought, that the homeland could be in Palestine, where Jewish set-tlers would be welcomed by the Ottoman Sultan and form a handy "outpost of civilisation against barbarism".

Herzl's Jews were passive victims of unchanging preju-dice, cowering in their ghettoes, aloof in plutocratic snob bery or insecure in their assimilation into Gentile soci ety. But a century on and a Holocaust later they have become "voluntary Jews" who no longer face physical annihilation and rarely pers cution. Assimilation and sec-

ularisation are far bigger threats than anti-Semitism. (And Palestine, of course, turned out to have a serious downside, though that is another story). Today's Jews are defined

more by themselves than by others; most are cltizens (since the collapse of commu-(since the coupse a commu-nism), of free, wealthy, multi-cultural and pluralistic societ-ies. And while Israel may still help them feel more secure, they are not in thrall to the homeland across the sea. "Is-rael and the diaspora no longer form an unbroken continuum," one pundit said recently.

In the communities of the diaspora - roughly 10 million Jews to four million in Israel — this debate is not an abstract one. And in Britain, where Zionism once meant

you can follow it every week in the Jewish Chronicle -Herzl's choice for his first altering thoughts on his big dea.

news story of 1996, by neat historical coincidence, has been how the Joint Israel Ap-peal, long dedicated to fundraising for Israel, has decided to move towards the American model of a "community chest" which unites financial appeals for Israel, Jewish education and welfare services, recognising that sustaining the diaspora is now at least as important as making the desert bloom. Some argue that it is much more important, taking heed of the gloomy and controver-sial warning of Bernard Wasstory on this growing pros-

So, all over the diaspore. coaded by arguments like this, communities that have been decimated by intermar-riage and declining traditions and divided by demoralising splits between Orthodox and others are shifting from saving Jewish lives - in Ethio-pia, Russia, and of course

he predicts.*

Israel — to saving Jewish "Life" with a capital L. Survival, yet again, is the name of the game.

There were cartainly good practical arguments for the merger between the Joint Is-rael Appeal and Jewish Conti-nuity, set up by Chief Rabbi Ionathan Sacks to ensure that his generation, as he put it. "have Jewish grandchildren" As charitable contributions from Jews in the West have declined along with the welfare state there is simply less money to go round. But the

move is part of a much bigge change in the relationship be tween Israel and the diasport from dependence to reci-procity, Sacks has called it. 'It is the first admission ideologically that Zionism's central tenet is not valid — not every Jew is going to live in the State of Israel even given the freedom of choice," argues Ned Temko, editor of the Jewish Chronicle. "All the

core reasons for identification and fundraising have changed beyond recognition too. The concern now is that Jewishness and Judaism are

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being killed by kindness." collecting pennies in blue and white tin boxes to build the "national home" in Palestine,

transformed from a Middle Eastern Sparta, a and of open-necked shirts and open-toed sandals, to a hi tech consumer society for Thus the big Anglo-Jewish which a widening circle of peace with the Arabs — on its own tough terms --- has brought an unfamiliar ser of normality that goes far beyond the Jewish policemen and Jewish prostitutes the

early pioneers got so mistyeyed about. The country that playwright Arnold Wesker once called "our little gangster state" has achieved new inter national respectability that has generated unprecedented wealth and accelerated a process of westernisation that

serstein, the Oxford historian, that the Jews of Europe are in danger of becoming as exotic a remnant as the Amish of Pennsylvania as demographic, religious, social and cultural trends work inexorably towards dissolution. afford it, it is no dream."

"Soon nothing will be left save a disembodied memory lar-minded Israelis — transformed by the Zionist revolution from a religious minority to a nation on its own land — displayed ambivalence and even hostility to their diaspo ra cousins long before these glittering new horisons beckoned. In Hebrew, the word "Zion-

ism" used to be a synonym for worthy, high-flown rhetoric - pompous and meaningless compared to the practical business of ploughing fields or fighting Arabs; in short, just getting on with life. Sabra toughness allowed young is-raelis to make tasteless jokes about the Holocaust and to poke fun at the "ghetto mentality" of American Jews. Some of these attitudes were shared by Yitzhak Rabin, who first encounter "chequebook Zionism" when he was ambassedor to the US in the late sixties and often

Yet native-born and secu-

resented the ambivalent ties that bind Israel to the diaspora. And some linger on, even though the values of kibbuiz, military service and plo-neering have long faded. Yossi Beilin, a rising Labour Party star, rufiled feathers from Manhattan to Manchester when he declared

Israel self-sufficient and no longer in need of Jewish handouts. And there were illtempered comments about time-wasting and windy rhetoric from President Ezer Weizmann when he met diaspora leaders in Jerusalem ear ier this year. Conflict with the Arab

world kept the relationship solid for a very long time: the high point of uncritical Jewish identification with Israel was the war of June 1967 — ar important role: in the last few years almost messianic moment when the physical annihila tion of the Nazi period seemed briefly on the cards again and made the subse-

quent condemnation of Zionism as racism, so burningly true to Arabs, such a travesty for most Jews. But Menachem Begin's invasion of Lebapon in 1982 ex-

posed some of the strains as rguments about not washing dirty linen in front of the goyim (non-Jews) gave way to open outrage, albeit among a minority, about Israeli policy. Intense media coverage of the Palestinian intifodo had the same effect over a longer

period. Thus Rabin's election victory in 1992 seemed to mark a has widened the domestic div turning point. When he told ide between secular and relihis people that the "whole gious. When the Jerusalem Report magazine ran a cover world is no longer against us" he signalled a formal end to the state of siege, and with it the need for the knee-jerk inperity it used the clever post-Herzlian quip: "If you can volvement of a diaspora that seemed to welcome the liber-

ating, normalising prospect of Rabin's murder by a Jewish undam entalist fanatic last November was a moment of real anguish, a reminder that

history is not a one-way street and that enemies at home can be more dangerous than enemies abroad. And the result of the May general election has further complicated the relationship. Diaspora "doves" are dismayed by the set-back to the

peace process represented by the Likud victory and fear a return to the bad old days before they won the right to be a "loyal opposition" entitled to disagree with the Israeli government. Some see a worry-ing suspension of critical faculties in the fawning

endorsement of Binyamin Netanyahu by mainstream American Jewish leaders, Netanayahu himself is part of this story: that a thrice-married, self-confessed adul-

terer who does not keep kosher can be elected prime minister with the active support of Israel's religious parties (who were opposed to Per-es's peace policies) suggests appalling moral decline to diaspora thinkers who doubt whether a nation of Hebrew-

speaking, pork-eating pagans can be a light unto the Jews, let alone unto the goyim. Hardly surprising then, that Herzi's dream is being analysed again these days.

Previous reports of the death of Zionism may certainly have been exaggerated, but judged by one important yard-stick — the prospects for further large scale immigration to Israel — its health is cartainly poor. The 600.000 Jews who poured out of the Soviet Union after 1989 formed the

last "distressed" diaspora community and the pool of po-tential future immigrants is static and probably shrinking. Russia after Yeltsin, success for a Le Pen in France or a Farrakhan in the US could alter this picture. "Serious anti-Semitism would re-energise Zionism, confirm the centrality of israel as more than just a prop for Jewish identity and undermine the belief that Jewish continuity is secure in

the diaspora," predicts David Cesarani, newly-appointed professor of Jewish history at Southampton University, "Conversely, if Israel lurched further to the extreme-nationalist right then the pendulum could swing the

other way." It is already clear that some old assumptions no longer hold: most Israelis have long stopped urging "un-distressed" Jews to come and settle. "The more they try to embarrass western Jews about their failure to come to Israel." observes Geoffrey Wheatcroft in his history of Zionism*, "the more they remind them not only how

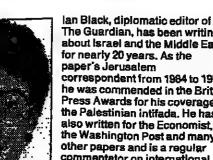
different their interests have become, but how different the two communities are." And Jews are voting with their feet: many diaspore youngsters now regard their East European roots as equally important to the tug of Israel and see the post-com munist lands of their foreears as a "new frontier" that is more challenging to cross than to spend the traditional eriod volunteering on a kibbutz (where many encountered utopian socialism, sex, agricultural labour and drugs — not necessarily in that order - for the first time). Twelve thousand young Jews went on organised visits to Israel in 1987. This year numbers are

down to a paltry 5,000. The diaspora is being more assertive in other ways. Resis tance is mounting to the fact that so much of modern Jewish history has been written through a distorting Zionist prism, reducing 2,000 years of lewish life in Europe to a mere pogrom-punctuated episode on the road to Jerusalem

And to add insult to historical injury, what Israel has to offer is often less than exemplary. Viewed from London, Paris or Los Angeles, its politi ical system looks febrile and unwieldly and its culture rampantly materialist while the growing role of militant fundamentalist religion — in a society where there is no separation between synagogue and state — is more akin to Iran than to an outpos of civilisation of any kind. Thus criticism of Israel by foreign Jews seems to be acquiring a new sharpness This reflects not only the

increasing polarisation in the country itself but also a new sense of distance and differentiation that has grown as younger historians in Israel revise their own myth-laden past and their diaspora equiv-alents begin to explore the potential of the most tolerant societies Jews have ever known, "Those who fought to cre-

ate a Jewish state . . . shared



Europe's humanist, cultural and political values but these values were overtaken by the need to achieve Zionist goals," writes Diana Pinto in a thought-provoking paper on the future of Jews in Europe. "This is no longer the case. Confronted with Jewish zealots. Israelis must now renaw their ties to their diasporic past and reaffirm the univer sal principles on which the state was founded."* So perhaps those obituaries

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have been premature and it is not, after all, a case of another of those 20th century ideologies whose "ism" has become a "wasm," but a more subtle one of dynamic change and transformation. David Goldberg hints, but does not quite dare say, that Zionism's historic role is finished.

No one, it seems, wants to tempt fate and declare that the era of Jewish catastrophe is over. Options, to put it bluntly, are still being kept open. "Whatever else is on the open. ' agenda for relations between Jews and Israel and Zionism, says Ned Temko, "one thing

that isn't on it is no relation-ship at all." Or, to quote Geoffrey Wheatcroft's enviably percep-tive punchline on Herzl's dream: "Succeeding in so many ways it failed to under-stand the true tragic nature of history, it failed to end the Jewish drama by winding it up as a sub-plot on the stage of

history, Extraordinary though it has been, Zionism has surely been but one episode in a much greater story.'

David J Goldberg, To the Promised Land (Penguin, August 29), £7.99; Bernard Wasserstein, Vanishing Diespora (Hamish Hamilton 1996), £20; Geoffrey Wheatcroft The Controversy of Zion, (Sinclair Stevenson, July 15), £17.99; Diana Pinto, A New Jewish identity for post 1989 Europe (Institute for Jewish Policy Research, June 1996), E5.8

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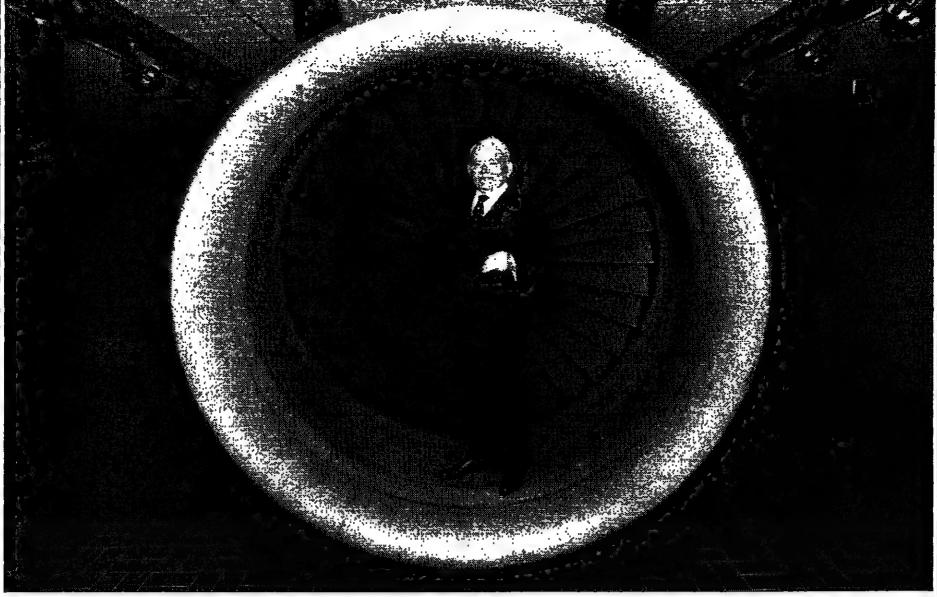
Sir Frank Whittle

Revolutionary idea that took time to take off

IR Frank Whittle, who has died aged 89. was an engineering genius frus-trated by official dis st and political manipulation, yet finally tri-umphant. He is known throughout the world as the inventor of the turbojet engine, which he patented in 1930; as the pioneer of highflow compressors; and as the holder of first patents on the later turbofan and bypass jet engines. Whittle-based engines transformed aviation and have powered all major aircraft since the 1950s

He is less well known as the first RAF fighter pilot cadet to perform a bunt in his graduation display. (A bunt is the first half of an downward loop, with the plane nose down and round, ending up inverted at the bottom, where rolling out becomes possible. The manouevre is uncomfortable and can be dicey — especially when carried out from 1,500 feet down to near-ground-level as performed in a Siskin flown by Cadet Whittle in July 1928). Although his Flight Commander at Cranwell had spproved his display pro-gramme, Cadet Whittle was disqualified for dangerous flying and deprived of the prize and thus first place on his

Whittle, whose life was fought initially against per-sonal and physical disadvar tages, and then against the ap-athetic malaise of industry and government in the 1930s, was seldom content to be any-thing other than first. At 15, he was rejected as an RAF apprentice as too small. He was then only five feet tall and rather skinny. With much exercising he put on a few inches, tried again and beat the system, entering Cranwell in 1923. Leap-frogging to offlcer status, flying training, test piloting, development work, an instructor's course, and the RAP engineering school at Henley, his obvious gifts were recognised by the Air Ministry. He was sent to Cambridge University Air Squadron where, on the RAF "E" Course at Peterhouse — but thinking most of the time about jet design — he took a first in the <u>mechanical tripos. Later he</u> said this success was "rather



The power and the glory . . . Sir Frank inside the intake of a Rolls-Royce engine. To his despair, the company was handed his life's work by the Air Ministry

modernisation programme involving the Hurricane and the Spitfire and, in retrospect, failure to grasp the impor-tance of the jet engine seems strangely remiss. Whittle, by this time on a postgraduate fellowship at Peterhouse, was close to despair. Out of the blue, two retired pilots. R D Williams (whom Whittle had

known at Cranwell) and J C B

Melville Jones, both of whom believed that the time was right for jet development. Whittle launched the company on a shoestring. He had married in Dorothy May Lee in 1930 and now had two sons. Junior RAF officers then received no marriage allowance and in 1935. through lack of money and Air

Whittle's development pro gramme. Worse, the Air Ministry chose Dr W S Farren deputy head of aeronautical cience at Cambridge — as their "independent" consul-tant. Farren, who eventually became deputy director of research at the Air Ministry, was outspokenly hostile toward Whittle's Ideas.

Backed only by RAF encour-agement, Whittle and his team

embarked on a complex devel-

With jet engines obvioualy ding for success, the Air Ministry came under heavy pressure from the British air craft industry - which hitherto had done nothing to help - to take over future production from Whittle. In spite of having several contracts for engine production in hand, Power Jets Ltd was ordered to

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event, the first service jet aircraft flew in Germany. Britain anded the war with only the Meteor, and this to limited see vice. Fortunately, German jet ingines were highly unreliable and were also sturved of ievelopment resources. Whittle's disappointments vere not over. His third en-

gine design, taken over by

ant and inventor, first in Brit ain with the oil companies (the Whittle drill), and, from 1976, in the US. In America he married his second wife, Hazel S Hall, and became Navair Research Proeesor at the US Naval Acadamv in Annapolis. Later, be wrote a definitive textbook on

career, as academic, consul-

JOHN REARDON

other engine designs in the library, rather than doing ework, probably shaped his future

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His life was always a struggle, yet he was never em bittered, merely direct and outspoken. In his later life he ietted around the world with undiminished vigour. There were many late satisfactions the Order of Merit, for example, and honours and doctorates.

Two were special: crossing the Atlantic aboard Concorde at a speed that, 30 years earlier, he had predicted as pos-sible And being flown to Hong Kong in 1986 for an 80th birth-day celebration by his son Ian, a senior captain with Cathay Pacific. They flew in a single hop after the Farnborough Air Show, with Whittle beside his son as they made the final (and unusually blind) approach to Hong Kong. After they had touched down Frank Whittle aid: "Couldn't have done it better myself." Praise indeed.

eers, adda: Nearly 30 years ago Frank Whittle mar-ried an American air stewardess who was to care for him till the end of his life. He turned his back on Britain, where he felt he hud been shabbily treated, and im-mersed himself in the US. He professed not to want to know much about Britain and when my wife and I went to see him to propose a book about him and his engine he was cool to the idea, and cool to some ex-tent to us. We felt we were disturbing his privacy in his remote and pleasant house on the shores of a lake in Maryland. He wished to fight no more, living on a small pension with the days of his socialism long since submerged in American Republican politics. ("h We tried again in 1987 when he was invited to London to visit Mrs Thatcher at No 10 and to receive the Order of Merit from the Queen at Buckingham Palace. He clearly felt that the Establishment in this country had recanted and we discovered

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surprising" because he had done so little work. From 1929 he had ex-

pounded the potential of the turbojet in high-speed and high-altitude flight. The Air Ministry listened without enthusiasm, repeatedly declaring that although in theory the jet engine was sound, the required high-temperature alloys were not available and, for practical purposes, the idea was largely pie in the sky. There was neither govern-ment nor industrial interest in Whittle's 1930 patent and until 1936, no financial support

for development. By this time parallel developments were secretly underway in Nazi Germany. In the absence of "official" reports of this German research the British Government remained

apathetic, even though rumours of German jet engine and rocket research circulated on the international scientific grapevine. The RAF had alsor Roy Lubbock, and by the ready embarked on an aircraft bead of aeronautical sciences.

Ministry backing, Whittle had Tinling, plus M L Bramson (a pilot engineer with connections to the investment firm Falk and Pariners) offered to join forces in a development company with Whittle at its head. Bramson produced an inthuslastic report, and an agreement proposing the es-tablishment of Power Jets Ltd on private capital was sent to the Air Ministry. To safeguard the ministry (which had automatic Crown-free use of the patents) and the interests of the RAF, the president of the Air Council became a signatory. Whittle had to surrender all his patents to the company. was appointed honorary chief engineer and designer, but

was required to spend no more than six hours a week on the firm's work. There was no offer of financial help from the ministry. Nevertheless, encouraged by his Cambridge tutor. Profes-

been forced to allow his origi-Compensation of £100,000 seems inadequate reward for creating a hi-tech industry

> nal patent to lapse. However, he had filed new ones relating to compressors and the turbo-fan (the bypass jet), and had started negotiations with British Thomson Houston (BTH)

for a contract to manufacture a test engine. His battles against technical problems, lack of money, lack of Government interest and Air Ministry ambivalence are legendary. Internal politics and industrial opposition to the existence of Power Jets Ltd as a competitor. soured

opment programme, well be-yond their means. His position as a serving officer made life difficult, as the Air Ministry believed it wrong to embroll him in activities which would prejudice his availability to the RAF. Not until 1989, with Whittle's third experimental engine showing substantial technical

promise, did the Air Ministry step in with a contract allowing Whittle to head Power Jets Ltd and develop a prototype engine for the RAF. The result was the famous W.1 flight engine, designed into the single seat experimental fighter aircraft E28/39 - now in the Science Museum, London. The engine that powered E28/39 on its test flights in May 1941 is in the Smithso nian Museum, Washington Full design details of both were passed to the United States in October 1941.

hand over all production work to the established aero engine Rolls-Roves in 1943 after pro longed delays, emerged as the

Whittle argued that they were ill-prepared for an en-His life was always tirely new technology. Later delays showed he was right a struggle, yet he but his plea was in vain and Power Jets Ltd was restricted to research work. Whittle resigned and his bealth broke was never embittered, merely down. His life's work became the property, under Crown use, of Rolls-Royce and Armdirect and outspoken

strong-Siddeley in Britain, and the major manufacturers of Welland, Power Jets was nathe United States. Whittle's tionalised and Whittle aprole became that of consulpointed as an adviser. In 1946, with jet engine development taking off throughout the warded £100,000 in compen world, his company was de-prived of all rights to design and develop engines, and con-verted into the National Gas sation, a large sum in the 1940s, seems an inadequate recompense for the creation o a vast new hi-tech industry. Had Whittle been supported **Turbine Establishment**. Whitin the mid-1930s, when the essential special alloys betle was despatched on lecture tours. Two years later, with came available. Britain could the rank of Air Commodore, have entered the war with a he was invalided out of the huge technological lead in air-craft performance. In the RAF and knighted. He promptly began a second

Weekend Birthdays

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Indies' loo for Elimbeth But-ler-Sloss (63 today) when she became the first woman judge on the English court of appeal in 1988; and until a couple of

years ago she had to be called. "Lord" Justice because the

men who'd written the law

among 32 men. She long ago

being Attorney-General and Lord Chancellor Michael Ha-

vers's little sister, and her work on the appeal court is much respected. A jolly

horses-and-dogs no-nonsense bonhomous manner, often

tinged with splendid indiscre

tion, is a front for a shrewd

mind and a caring instinct,

demonstrated in her much-

she might become the first

praised Cleveland child abuse

inquiry which resulted in the Children Act. It's even poss-ible, though not likely, that

never imagined a woman could rise to such judicial heights. Now officially Lady

Justice, she's still alone

They had to build a special

gas-turbine design, which reveals more clearly than his early autobiography (Jet, 1953) his innate mathematical understanding of the complexities of thermal and aerodynamic processes, as well as his powerful gift for engineering design.

Engineering and a strict Wesleyan tradition were major parts of his upbringing in Coventry, where his father Moses Whittle, was a foreman in a machine-tool factory. He was also a prolific invenior, unsuccessful because of his lack of formal education. Whittle claimed that when he began his own education at Earlsdon Council School he was "a street urchin six days of the week, and a carefully washed and dressed little boy on Sundays". During the first world war his father bought a small engineering business and Frank won a scholarship to Learnington College. That he spent much of his time studying steam turbine and

his ideas lucidly. His father had been a mechanic in Coventry, and he understood that as an engineer he had to ex-plain himself clearly to the policy makers. That they made such a mess of his invention made him an extremely wary person, difficult to know because of the scars

in him a good friend with a

ovous sense of humour and a

wonderful gift for explaining

he felt so keenly after the war. When we went back to see him in the US again, five years later, the sun had come out. We found his walls checkered with RAF squadron crests and honorary degrees from univer-sities around the world. He took a humble pride in show-ing us his OM while at the same time leaving us in no 🕻 doubt about the merit of the award. Whittle was right when the majority of clever people in power were wrong and the price that he paid could never fully be retrieved.

Frank A Whittle, Inventor of the jet engine, born June 1, 1907; died August 8, 1996

Death Notices

Herbert Huncke

First of the Beats on a long rough road

Dean and in mass-market al-

always felt a misfit, at odds

ternative culture of the 1960s.

By his own account Huncke

ERBERT Huncke who has died aged 80, was the engaging street hustler and lifelong drug-addict who gave the word "beat" to the Beat Generation and introduced William Burroughs to heroin For writers like Burroughs and fellow-travellers Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg, Huncke embodied their vision

of a star-crossed street angel; homeless, shiftless, perpetu-ally at war with the hypocrisies of straight society, and yet possessed of a bedrock freedom and purity that only alienation and harsh experience could provide.

Seldom has a life so lacking in any conventional virtues been so widely celebrated. Huncke — usually referred to by his surname which fortuitously rhymed with "junkie" - was untrustworthy. a thief, con-man and male prostitute who had graduated from Sing-Sing and Dannemora prisons. Yet it was these very qualities and his personal charm, that hypnotised and inspired the naive young college graduates and aspiring artists of the Beat Generation and led them to view him as the perfect tour-guide to the underworld meat-racks and dives of 42nd Street.

Appearing as he did, fre-quently and thinly disguised in Beat Generation literature, Huncke could lay claim to being the first hipster. He was the main character (Herbert) in Burrough's first novel Junkie (1962). He appeared as Ancke in John Clellon Holmes



Gaide to the underworld . . . Herbert Huncke was a perfect. escort to the dives of 42nd Street PHOTOGRAPH GERT JONKER

Go (1952) and as humself in many Ginsberg poems. Huncke was one of those who found the complacent

Marion Brando and James

repression and sentimentality with his middle-class family, of post-war America unbear-able and he drifted, via drugs, and became involved with drugs, liquor and homosexual prostitution, crime and consex at a very young age. In his teens he had started wanderstant travelling to the margins of society. This attitude, ceing around America, survivmented by alliances with ing as a petty criminal and other outcast groups - partic ularly jazz musicians - and rent boy. By 1939 he had found his spiritual home in the red-light district of New York. disseminated in Beat literature resulted in the deification Times Square. Selling drugs or sex, stealof all-purpose rebels such as

they threw him out and peri-Huncke became a notorious figure in street lore. "Huncke was a beautiful kid when be first came to New York", said one associate; "the trouble is, he lost his looks." Maybe, although he devel-

slight, fine-boned and feral, he had melancholy dark eyes. Chain-spioking elegantly, he was courteous and sarcastic ind became increasingly enowned as a raconteur In 1945 he met William Bur-

roughs who been referred to Huncke's room-mate and was hoping to sell him a sawn-off shotgun. Huncke assumed Burroughs, conservatively ed in overcoat and ha was an FBI agent and tried to eet rid of him. Despite this their friendship developed and Burroughs was fixing morphine syrettes within days. Through Burroughs Huncke came into contact with Columbia dropout Jack

Kerouac and another young writer still at college. Allen Ginsberg, who immortalised him in his 1956 poem Hourl. It was Kerouac who annexed Huncke's constant use of the word "beat", meaning tired, downtrodden, exhausted. which was used to describe that entire generation of 1950s American writers.

Huncke himself had started writing in the 1940s and his later memoirs were praised for their unaffected honesty ing, staying with friends until Huncke's Journal (1965), Elsie

John and Joey Martinez (1979). The Evening Sun Turned Crimson (1980) and Guilty of Everything (1991) were reminiscent of Kerouac in their eadlong style. Huncke will remain part of literary and even sexological history, having related his lu-rid experiences to Alfred Kin-

sey. for The Kinsey Report. Known to countless people, from up-town literati to the junkies of Alphabet City and the quasi-bohemians of Europe, his immortality is as-sured, both in his own words and those of others. Elizabeth Young

Herbert Huncke, writer, born December 9, 1915; died August 8, 1996 Face to Paith returns next (astk

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man law lord — law lady? - but that would mean buildovercame the nepotism charges that followed from her ing yet another loo.

Today's other birthdays: Rosanna Arquette, film actress 37; Catherine Freeman, film maker, 65: Gillian Langley, scientist, 44: Andrew Miles, professor of epidemiology, University of Westminster, 33; Sarah Raphael, painter, 36.

Tomorrow's birthdays: Sir Bernard Ashley, co-founder, Laura Ashley, 70; Frances Heaton, former director-general, Takeover Panel, 52; The Rt Rev Jim Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 60.

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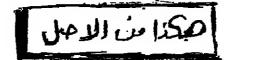
THORGOOCOLIWHEEDER TO Julia Thorogood and Francis Wheen on 6th August 1996, at home, in rural style, Archie Francis Rivers-dale, a brother for Jack, Frank, Goor-geAnna and Berle, Wilm Hanks solare to Gur next door neighbour, Gill Davies. To place your announcement telephone 0171 713 4587, Fax 0171 719 4129

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Secondary Auropa W Saturday August 10 1996 Money Guardian Million benefit from merger Rachel Baird HE merger of United Friendly and Refuge Assurance announced this week and the continuing fight for control of the £500 million KEPIT fund are good news for small investors Some one million owners of Refuge with-profits policies will get a share of the £101 million bonus the company has declared as a result of the merger. The new company to be formed. United Assurance Group, will have around 6.5 million policyholders and a tock market value of around £1.5 billion. The £101 million Refuge policyholders' bonus is sur-plus to what the life assurance company needs to meet obliga tions to policyholders. Howver, Refuge with-profits policyholders will get their bonus when policies mature. Its size will depend on what kind of with-profits policy is held. Someone with a 10-year industrial branch endowment

Grounded . . . Angry Laker passengers confront an airport official while stranded at Gatwick awaiting a flight to the US earlier this week

Don't just travel hopefully, read that holiday small print

Paul Slade and Rachel Baird

HE perils of going on holiday were highlighted this week by floods in Spain that killed nore than 60 people and by

Travel insurance is always a much better bet than going to law," he says. In fending off compensation claims, airiines will first rely on their standard conditions

beyond Laker's control would

not necessarily breach the contract with passengers. what is likely to be a fairly small payment? A 1990 Buropean directive on package holidays requires tour operators to meet certain

standards, but it does not mention compensation for delays. Travel agents strongly of conveyance. One barrister recommend holidaymakers

typically pays out from £20 to the trouble of going to law for £25 for every 10 to 12 hour period you are delayed, to a ximum of about £100. If you decide to give up and cancel your holiday altogether after a delay of 10 to 12 hours, many policies will let you claim the full cost of the holi-

ance from your travel agent. insurance company, insurance intermediary, bank or building society. Insurance intermediary Inter Assurance's annual Options policy costs £33 per peron and recently featured as a "best buy" in Which?, the Consumers' Association magday, up to a maximum of be-

American Express travel in-surance, included as a free extra on its credit and charge cards, offers a £20 payout for every 12 hours you are delayed, to a maximum of £100, plus a cancellation payment of up to £5,000 if you cancel your trip after waiting 12 hours or more.

Lunn Poly and Thomas Cook schemes offer £25 for rvery 10 hours' delay, to a maximum of £200, plus a maxi mum cancellation payout of 25,000 if you wait for 10 hours. The Thomas Cook scheme costs £32.95 for two weeks in Europe or £53.50 for two weeks worldwide.

With-profits endowment policyholders could realise some of their bonus entitlement now by selling their policy on the second-hand endow only a small fraction of the maturity value of their policy and it would not be worth selling just to realise part of the bonus, says David Beale of second-hand endowment pol-

aged 35 would get an extra £128 a year added to his pension at

age 65. But do not rush to take out a with-profits Refuge policy in the hope of getting a share of the £101 million bonus. Only people who took out policies before August 8 1996 are eligible. ment market. But the bonus is icy trader Beale Dobie Refuge will write to policybolders with details of its merger and has set up a help-line on 0645-368-369. United Friendly announced distribution of surplus funds to policyholders last year, so there is no bonanza now. Meanwhile, the battle for the destiny of the Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (KEPIT) hot-ted up this week. Around 10 different fund managers have expressed interest in gaining control of KEPIT, after a hos-tile bid last week by the TR European Growth Trust. At present KEPIT's assets are managed by Kleinwort Benson Investment Trust but the current value of KEPIT shares is less than what inves-tors paid for them. KEPIT's directors have now invited proposals from interested parties regarding the fund's future with a deadline of August 19. It will then decide which proposal is in shareholders' best interests and put it to a shareholders vote. Money Guardian is edited

(the premiums for which are collected from their home), with a sum assured of £5,000 would get an extra £244 when

their policy matured. A man who started paying £300 a year towards his pension in 1986

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major delays at Gatwick airport.

If they want compensation, the 353 Laker Airlines passen-gers delayed at Gatwick for 49 hours will have to rely on private travel insurance policies. Meanwhile, anyone who wants to cancel a Spanish holiday following the floods, should read their travel policy very carefully before they do. They may well find they cannot claim for cancellation. The Gatwick passengers'

aightmare started when the plane that was meant to take them to Florida was damaged by a storm. It never reached London and a replacement jet was grounded by mechanical problems.

But unless the delay can be shown to be caused by inadequate maintenance at Laker Airlines, lawyers say compenention claims against the airline or the travel agents are unlikely to succeed. Ashley Hoimes, head of

legal affairs at the Consumers Association, says airline ticket conditions generally undertake only to get you to your destination "within a reasonable time", so a delay

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believes that, in effect, the air-lines are saying: "We have no obligation to fly you anywhere or do anything, and can charge you anything we like." Contract terms like this, he adds, would probably be deemed unfair if tested in court, but how many people would be prepared to go to all

take out travel insurance when booking their trip. partly because they make a tidy profit selling it. Insurance policies cover delay and also medical treat-

veen £3,000 and £5,000 Assuming they have private cover, each Laker passenger affected by last week's delay should be able to claim be-

tween £80 and £100. They may need a letter from Laker confirming the length of the delay before they get paid. You can buy travel insur-

Passenger on BA's case over ruined luggage

azine. It offers up to £3,000 if your holidy is cancelled and £10 for every eight hours that your holiday is delayed, up to a maximum of £300.

You may already have cover on your credit card, although this will come into play only if you use the card to buy your holiday. the holiday is delayed for 24 hours, they may cancel and claim up to £3,500 per person.

If NatWest Gold credit card holders are delayed for more than four hours they can claim for "reasonable expenses" of up to £250 per insured person, for costs such as food and accommodation. If

Those cancelling because their holiday destination has been hit by freak weather, such as the floods in Spain. should check their policy

PHOTOGRAPH: GEORGE CRANE

pay a cancellation claim made because of a flood but insurance company Club Direct says this is a "grey area". One Way Travel Insurance says someone other than the traveller (for example a tour operator) would have to recognise a destination as too dangerous before it would pay for cancellation.

cancellation due to something beyond your control, such as a campsite being washed away. However, it would not pay merely because you did not fancy going somewhere hit by floods.

A worrying survey of 39 foreign hotels by the Consumers' Association might make some people want to cancel. It claims some tour operators are sending holidaymakers to potential deathtraps. Only one of 39 hotels in Turkey and Grand Canaria proved satisfactory in safety terms.

by Margaret Hughes

Paul Slade HEN Judith Thomas tried to claim com-pensation from Brit-ish Airways for luggage destroyed on a flight from Marseilles to London, the airline disclaimed all responsibility for the flight. This came as a surprise to Ms Thomas, as she had bought ber ticket through **BA's Executive Club, the** plane was painted in the airine's colours and had been staffed by one of its

Her suitcase was de-

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baggage van on the tarmac at Marseilles and was run over. When she came to put in her£300 claim, BA said her flight had been with TAT European Airlines based at Tours in France At the time of the flight in question, BA owned 49 per cent of TAT, a deal which allows TAT planes on the London-Marseilles route to fly in BA livery. BA has since bought the remaining 51 per cent of the company, a deal which it says should improve its control of TAT's operation. It was only when Ms

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Executive Club supervisor that the "world's favourite airline" agreed to deal with her claim directly. So far, she bas received no compen-sation as a result of the June 27 flight. Ms Thomas says: "I think the whole thing's fishy. A flight's either run by Britsb Airways or it isn't. If it isn't, they should say so. If a plane carrying their livery crashed, would BA have tried to disown the flight?" BA points to a footnote in its timetable explaining the relationship between BA and TAT, and says travel

found at the airline's bag-Thomas complained to a BA | agents should also make this link clear. But, as far as gage services desk. Some-Ms Thomas was concerned. Flight BA3207V was a straightforward British Airways flight. BA's David Snelling says any passenger with a simi-lar problem can insist BA

deals with it direct. 'We've got our name on it, and it's our responsibility.' He be-lieves Ms Thomas should get her cheque "in the next few weeks".

If your luggage is lost or damaged on a flight, Mr Snelling explains, fill in a claim form before leaving the airport. These can be

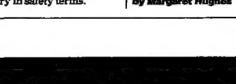
one there should be able to help you fill in the form and put it through the system, Snelling says. BA has other partnership deals with Qantas and US Air, covering flights to New Zealand and secondary des-

tinations in America. In these cases, BA handles the first leg of the flight, with passengers transferring to the partner airline at a "hub" airport such as Los Angeles or Pittsburgh. In these cases, the second plane is marked in the other

airline's colours.

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22 MONEY GUARDIAN Going flat out to fight the landlord

Jill Papworth

LAT and house owners with long eases will this autumn get new legal wers to fight unscrupulous andlords when the Housing Act comes into force. But, while welcoming the Act as "going some way to help" tenant victims of rogue freeholders, campaigners for leasehold reform say it does not go far enough to give leas holders control over the man agement of their properties. They also fear a scramble among unscrupulous landlords to beat

the legislative clock by taking advantage of legal ploys before the changes be come law. 'I'd say the most important change

for leaseholders is the extra protection the Act gives on for feiture," said Peter Haler, chief executive of LEAS, the Government-funded Lease-hold Enfranchisement Advisory Service.

Under current law, rogue landlords have been able to in-timidate leaseholders into paying inflated service and maintenance charges by issuing them with forfeiture notices, threatening to reposses the lease on their property if

they do not pay up. "In fact, such notices are takes place, leaseholders al-ready have the right of not enforceable without a county court order, but a lot of landlord. Once they hear that a freehold sale has taken place tenants don't realise this and pay up in panic," Mr Haler said. "If they are strong enough to hold out, the landlord very often goes to their months in which to demand details of the price paid from the new landlord and a furge lender and per-

suades them to pay up on their borrower's behalf, again by

threatening forfeiture. Either way, landlords often get away with extracting the money without ever going to court." The new forfeiture rules, will, from September 24, make forfeiture a two-stage process. A landlord will not be able to ask a court for a possession order until the sum of money in dispute has been already determined, or agreed as law-fully due by the courts. "This will give the tenant the chance to put their case without being under the du-ress of forfeiture proceedings and, hopefully, stop landlords

threatening possession on spurious demands."

A second major change

been widely ignored by land-lords, who sell the freehold be

hind leaseholders' backs.

Making it a criminal offence expected to stop the abuse.

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the right to buy at this price. "The problem is that few ascholders are aware of this right," Mr Haler said. Further changes under the Act should remove the problem of ignorance. The new landlord will have to inform tenants of their rights and the time limits will be extended to four and six months respectively. Other key changes include the effective abolition of "fly-ing freeholds". To be eligible

for enfranchisement under the 1993 Leasebold Reform Act, a building had to have a single freehold. Some landlords used this to prevent tenants from buying the freehold by deliberately solitting the

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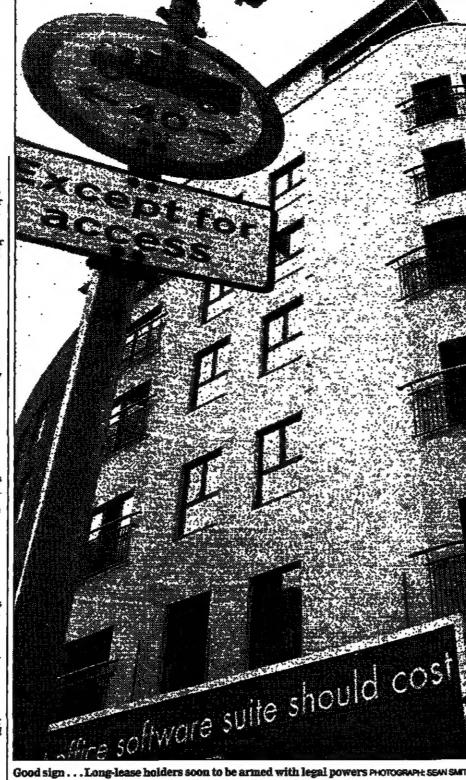
freehold, typi-**Rogue landlords have intimidated** cally trans ring the leaseholders into paying inflated ownership of a round floor service and maintenance charges flat to an associated

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the single free hold requirement. More tenants should also be which, according to the DoE, is likely to come into force in October, will make it a crimi-nal offence for landlords to sell the freehold of a property ligible for enfranchisement, or lease extension, under the new Act, which abolishes the complex and arbitrary "low without giving tenants first right of refusal. While existing rent" test for urban leases of more than 35 years when legislation already requires landlords to do this, it has

granted. A welcome change for an estimated one in three tenants in dispute with their freeholders over execessive service charges or poor management is that they can take their grievance to Leasehold Valuation Tribunals, which can appoint an independent manager to the property. Advice is available from: the

Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service 0171-493-3116; without their being given first Compaign Against Residential Leasehold Abuse 01787-462787 right of refusal, they have two and Leasehold Enfranchise-ment Association 0171-937-



Good sign . . . Long-lease holders soon to be armed with legal powers PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

Mortgage jargon continues to puzzle buyers

Lina Saigot

HE good news is that the house market is picking up. The bad news is that mortages. w still confused about

has lowered its three-year fixed rate mortgage from 6.75 baffled by mortgage jargon, while less than two-thirds understand how Miras tax per cent to 6.65 per cent. The one, two, three and fiverelief works and less than half year fixed rate mortgages will understand discounted now run until September 1, With the pick up in the 1997, 1968, 1999 and 2001.

arrangement fee is payable on completion. The Derbyshire Building

Society is offering a 6.75 per cent fixed rate mortgage until January 31, 2000. The standard mortgage valuation fee is waived. Borrowers need a

Flexible Reserve mortgage at been increased to 95 per cent 6.24 per cent. The maximum for a straight pound-for-pound loan-to-value available has swap with another lender.

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The Guardian Saturday August 10 1996

Charities set to give investments ethical dimension

Nick Pandya

HARITIES in Britain £28 billion in their reserves, much of it invested in the stock market, giving them enormous clout in keeping the companies in which they invest on the straight and narrow. Yet this ethical dimen sion is not at the forefront of most charities' investment policies. A study by the WM Company, which measures charities' investment performance, showed barely 7 per cent imposing any ethical constraints. Now, the Christian Ethical Investment Group and the Church Commissioners have loined forces to produce a guide book aimed at transfees of charities seeking to formulate an investment policy with an ethical dimension. The guide, Charity Trustees and Investment Ethics, is backed by the Ethical Investment Research Service (EIRIS) which monitors corpo rate ethics

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Only 7 per cent put restraints of conscience on investment decisions

by solicito Herbert Smith who helped to clarify the law relating to charities' ethical investment policy. This is based on the judgment in the case of the **Bishop of Oxford and others** versus the Church Commissioners, whereby vice-chan-cellor Nicholls laid out three main rules. Trustees have a right to take ethical considerations into account even when this could be financially detrimental to the charity.

Another circumstance where Trustees would also be entitled, or even required, to take into account the non-financial criteria would be where the trust deed specifies an ethical stance to be adopted by the charity.

tives of the charity, for example a cancer relief char-ity investing in shares of

tobacco company. There is a useful checklist for charities which are trying to work out their ethical investment policy with due regard to the charity's primary stakeholders, its beneficiarles.

But choosing an ethical fund is not always straightforward, as some funds may not be as ethical as they seem.

Manchester-based independent financial adviser Gaeia Global and Ethical Investment Advice belps charities and other voluntary organisations to steer an ethical course before en-trusting their funds to a particular fund manager.

Elsewhere, fund manager Friends Provident, which ince 1984 has run Steward ship trust --- an ethical fund for private investors - will next month launch the first institutional ethical pooled fund designed espe-cially for charities. The

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fund will aim to allay concerus that truste would be failing in their duty to achieve de cent investment returns through adequate diversi fication from

> stocks that have been cleared on ethical grounds The fund manager's views are confirmed by the latest review of ethical unit trusts by the Co-operative **Insurance Society** which shows that, despite the recent falls in the stock market, most ethical funds have held up well.

a list of UK

Returns of the UK's ethical and ecological unit trusts for the first week in August range from an increase of 33 per cent to 163 per cent over 5 years from August 1, 1991 to August 1

For copies of Charity Trustees and Investment Ethics, priced 53.50, contact Canon Bill Whiffen of Christian Ethical Investment Group at 90 Booker Avenuc, Bradwell Common,

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the process of buying their homes, according to a survey published this week by Barclays Mortgage. Nine in ten buyers are

housing market discounts. like cashbacks, are in any case being cut back with no new deals on offer this week but the Alliance & Leicester

And John Charcoal, the independent adviser, has launched a mortgage with a fixed rate of 5.99 per cent until July 1, 1999. A reduced £150

minimum 5 per cent deposit. Legal & General has intro-duced payment holdiays and improved lending terms on its

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Netherlands 2,5060 Spain 188.75 New Zealand 2,1925 Sweden 10.1576 Norway 9,8925 Switzerland 1,8100 Portugal 200.75 Turkey 126,412 Saudi Arabia 5.79 USA 1,5160

Thirdly, trustees must consider those cases where there may be a straightforward conflict between an investment and the objec-

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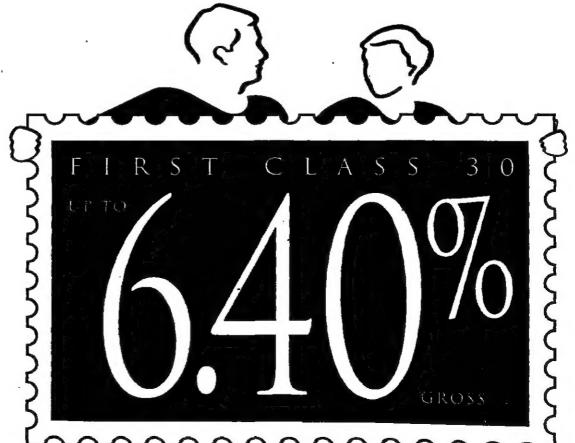
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Supermarket flotation defies critics
Millions wiped off rivals' market values as institutions sell holdings
Notebook

Somerfield shares soar thanks to 'bargain' price

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OMERFIELD, the cutprice supermarket chain formerly known as Gateway. defied its critics yesterday when shares in the company made their market debut at a healthy premium.

Somerfield shares closed at 159p, against the issue price of 145p, as City investors scrambled to grab what was regarded as one of the biggest bargains to hit the new-issues market for years.

But despite the succe debut, Somerfield's City advisers, Kleinwort Benson, immediately came under attack for what critics called a lacklustre performance in selling the shares to institutions, and for apparently making a lastditch attempt to sell the entire company to rival supermarket chains last week

Somerfield, Britain's fifth-

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largest supermarket chain, is understood to have been offered to rivals — including Sainsbury and Tesco — as Kleinwort attempted to prove it could not have raised a better price for the group.

Amid rumours of possible legal action, there was partic-ularly flerce criticism from creditors of Isoceles, the company which bought Some-field in a disastrous 52.1 billion management buyout in 1989 but which subse-quently came close to collaps

ing under a mountain of debts The creditors, mainly bank ers, were angry that during the run-up to the flotation. over £100 million was slashed from Somerfield's asking

Apprice, depriving them of a higher pay-out. Apart from the flotztion proceeds, Somerfield is borrowing another £180 million while some £370 million of old debt will be cleared --- ring-fancing the group from Isosce-

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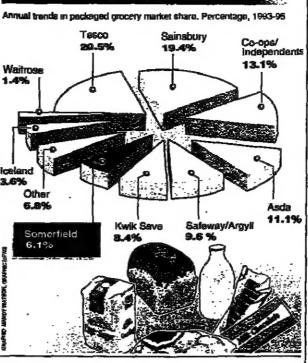
les. Creditors of Isoceles are which the group was originow expected to receive a pay-out approaching 80 per cent of nally earmarked for sale. Last night, analysts said the issue had succeeded simply The run-up to Somerfield's because the shares were so flotation was dogged by a low-priced

One said: "It is a fiercely competitive market, and alseries of crises, in which Kleinwort Benson was forced to reduce the original asking price of between 180p and 190p though the stock is so cheap it has short-term attractions a share to 160p, before reduc-ing it further to 145p. Apart from the generally deit could struggle to grow profits in the longer term."

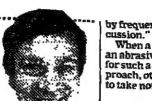
In all, 300 million shares pressed state of the new-issue representing Somerfield's enmarket, other factors threat-ening to blow the flotation off tire share capital -- were lasued to both retail and insti-tutional investors. Retail in-vestors received all 16 million shares they requested, a fifth course included a profits warning from Iceland, the fro-zen food retailer, and the dis-closure that Somerfield's chief of the figure they had been expected to apply for. The rest went to institutions. In addition, Somerfield's diexecutive, David Simons, and

four other senior executives were in line for bonuses worth rectors pocketed another 1.7 million shares, which were In the event, Somerfield shares began trading yester-day at 160p, before falling back to 159p, valuing the comworth over £2.8 million at the close of trading last night. Two unexpected casualties of the flotation were Somer-

pany at just over £481 million gainst the £570 million at field's rivals, Kwik Save and



celand, both of which saw pair's cheaper rival. Iceland shares eventually recovered to close down 2p, at millions wiped from their market values as City institutions sold their holdings in 108p, while Kwik Save fin-ished 9p lower at 415p. order to snap up shares in the



Tebbit doctrine

Diplomacy and the

Mark Milner

-UROPE has been com-plaining this week that, as far as the US is conis just too long. The issue of extra-territoriality — the claim to impose legal sanc-tions against foreign companies or individuals for actions committed outside the US, effectively infringing the sover-

eignty of other nations — is a complex and thorny one. The latest spat involves US legislation covering commercial activities in Cuba and investments of more than 40 million (£26 million) in the Libyan or Iranian oil and gas industries. Over the years, however, the issue has caused tension between America and its trading partners on matters as diverse as bankruptcy law, banking, cartels and the export of high technology equipment to the old Soviet bloc.

The difficulties inherent in responding to extra-territoriality issues are, to an extent, illustrated by the European reaction to the latest US legislation. France, for example, has been noisily angry. The European Union is reported to have protested. In Bonn, however, the German foreign min istry has come under fire from the Free Democrats, junior partners in the ruling coalition, for being insufficiently vociferous in its reply to the Helms-Burton (Cuba) and

D'Amato (Iran and Libya) The corporate response last week was rather low-key, even from the likes of France's Total group. A number of companies operating within the areas covered by the two pieces of US legislation are comforting themselves with the thought that this is, after all, election year and the issue might drift once the latest race for the White House is owed more to the grocery in-

over Many of those with investments in Libya and Iran ar

by frequent and realistic dis-When a politician with such an abrasive reputation opts for such a diplomatic approach, others would do well to take note.

Grocer's tactics

RINGING Somerfield, Britain's fifth-largest supermarket group, to market has not been an easy process, requiring a couple of price cuts as well as some burning of the midnight oil. Yesterday, however, the shares finally made their trading debut and notched up a ecent premium.

There will be few smiles however, and such as there are will be smiles of relief. A first-day close of 159p — a near 0 per cent premium to the asking price — may look healthy enough, but only until you remember that back in the ddle of last month Somerfield and its advisers were looking for a price somewhere within the 180p to 190p range. The cuts - the offer was trimmed to 160p and then to the final 145p — have no doubt caused more than a touch of embarrassment to Somerfield's merchant banker,

Reinwort Benson. They have dented the returns to holders of the debt of the former owner, Isosceles, and sharply trimmed the bonus accruing to the chief executive. David Simons. Nor will the directors of supermarket chains like iceland and Kwik Save have been too amused by reports that some investors have switched out of their stocks into Somerfield because of the cut price.

Somerfield and its advisers can claim, with justification. that stock market conditions have been against them in the run-up to flotation. But it can equally be argued that the ssue has been overshadow by how well the group will be able to compete in the longer term with the likes of Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway in the fiercely competitive battle for customers. That is for the longer term. At least the flotation has been achieved — even if the sales technique that finally counted

dustry than the City.

owner Romano Artioli Lotus said a decision on legal action against the other directors would depend on the investigation into its affairs. They are Andrew Walmsley, former director of car operations: Hugh Kemp of engineer ing operations; Richard Jones of commercial engineering, and company secretary Martin Brostoff.

Lotus said that it had issued Lotus said its legal action followed an inquiry into the company's affairs following company lists transactions inthe suspension of Mr Kapur volving Lotus cars, a Bentley, a BMW and payments to other companies. The company said it had sacked Mr Kapur. which had followed a "fundamental disagreement" over strategy.

Mr Kapur said that the board had presented Mr Artioli with an ultimatum at a contest the writ. Referring to the dismissal of other Lotus managers, he said: "This is the ployer in getting rid of former directors had insisted that a new backer be found for the issued one writ against former group before the end of that

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lengthy board meeting on July 19. Concerned about the company's cash flow and solvency, month and passed a resolutio

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an acrimonious board meet-

Mr Kapur said he had not been contacted about the simple to explain"transac tions since being suspended without warning on July 23. Three other directors and the company secretary were sus-pended at the same time after

However, Mr Artioli suspended the board the following week. Michael Nathanson, a partner with lawyers Radcliffes Crossman Block who advise Mr Artioli, confirmed such a resolution had been passed. However, he said the financial statistics for the board had been prepared and presented by Mr Kapur. ing with Lotus chairman and

Director of firm floating on AIM used false name

Exchange says it cannot act, reports SARAH WHITEBLOOM

SENIOR director of a Company seeking \$1.25 million from flotation on the Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Mar-ket has routinely used a false name, and lied about his role. Anthony Hussain --- who with the chief executive, Robert Gold, controls the contro-versial publisher London & Edinburgh — has passed him-rel(off with Buckingham Palace, the press and others as Alistair Davenport. But the Stock Exchange

said last night that L&E's flotation next week would be allowed to proceed. The affair is certain to call

into question AIM's regula-tory regime, which is led by "nominated advisers". Justin Urghuart-Stewart, of

Barclays Stockbrokers and AIM's steering committee, said "This underlines the need for greater supervision over the calibre of companies coming to the market ... T issue needs to be raised di-. The rectly with the AIM board." The Guardian discovered

that Mr Hussain, while defending the activities of Tobasgo, L&E's publishing arm, claimed to be a freelance worker, rather than a director with a vested interest in the company, Also, as Davenport, Mr Hussain said that he and not Mr Gold, aged 28, was the right person to speak to about To-basgo, as his chief executive does not deal with the day-today running of the company An adviser to L&E said: "It's true Anthony uses a pseudonym - it's common in their business. Their competitors

phone them trying to get infor-

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mation using assumed names all the time. Also, Anthony has suffered racial comments about his surname." Mr Hussain's contacts with the Palace result from Tobas go's controversial planned book to commemorate the

Queen's 70th birthday. Under his leadership, Tobasgo solic-ited firms around the world to pay up to £20,000 for messages of congratulation in the book. The Palace branded it a pure "money-making exer-cise" and Mr Gold admitted this week that the book had still to appear, although the Queen, who was 70 in April, had her official birthday two months ago. Mr Gold also confessed the

book would not, as he said six weeks ago, appear in W H Smith and other bookshops

The Exchange said that un-less Mr Hussain had lied about something relating to L&E's float on the Alternative Invest ment Market, there was nothing it could do. Jeffrey Coburn of L&E's ad-

viser, John East & Pariners. dismissed Mr Hussain's action as "very silly". But he admitted it was not correct be haviour for the director of a public company. Meanwhile, L&E's prospectus stated yesterday: "The directors intend to comply with the Code of **Best Practice (the Cadbury** rules),'

The document fails to mention that L&E's contract to produce one of its flagship publications --- the pro-

rulés. apiece as a result of the float. They will also each retain 17 per cent (£500,000) stakes.



MORE and more people are almost anywhere in the world and talk for as long using the Internet to make as they like for no more long-distance phone calls, orites Mark Tran in New than their internet access - about £13 a month in "Voice chat" software enthe US — as Aric Fedida ables computer users to call (pictured right) demon-

Hardy move gives Names

opportunity to limit liability

strated yesterday at the annual Macworld Expo in Boston. Until now, the software has been supplied by startup companies such as Voc-alTec, NetSpeak and Vox-

Ware. Now the big names are taking an interest. Inte and Microsoft have decided to back a set of technical standards that may boost the Net telephone market. PHOTOGRAPH: JULIA MALAKI

Earlier this year, Ger-many's biggest shipbuilders, Bremer Vulkan, went bust

consoling themselves that the legislation is not retrospective. Others, perhaps rather too optimistically, are hoping they may be able to add to existing installations without incurring American wrath. It is easy to whip up patriotic sentiment against Ameri-can high-handedness. Talk of retaliation — either unilaterally or through the disputes procedures of the World Trade Organisation — is a possibility. Before matters go too far, however, both sides might care to contemplate whether such a solution would be more dangerous than the original probl

Perhaps both sides would be better invoking what might be called for want of a better term, the Tebbit doctrine. In 1984, in an address to US businessmen. Norman --- now Lord - Tebbit, then the UK Trade and Industry Secretary, was typically robust in exsing his displeasure over what he, and others, saw as US pretensions to extra-territorial jurisdiction in its efforts to stem the flow of technology to the Soviet bloc.

But, although he saw US claims as a continuing source of tension between the US and its allies, be acknowledged: "For the moment the best we can do, perhaps, is to keep our disagreements to a minimum

American savvy

MERICANS, we are told know little about European monetary union and care less. Well, up to a point. The idea that they talk of little else in Des Moines is clearly nonsense, but US foreign exchange dealers look to be as clued up about the nu-ances of the process as their counterparts on this side of the Atlantic.

Take yesterday, for exam-ple. The German mark pushed ahead against other European currencies and the dollar. Did Wall Street suffer a fit of introspection, looking close to home for an explanation? The answer is no. As a US-based analyst with an eminent American investment house noted: "The main focus is concern about France's ability to deal with its budget deficit." The ink may be scarcely dry

on the French budget package, but already there are doubts about the government's ability to deliver and thus meet the Maastricht criteria for monetary union. Such an out-turn might delay monetary union, boosting the mark's standing. Meanwhile, Ameri-can dealers are as likely as anyone to keep well enough informed to make a buck or two when the chance offers.

News in brief

Unilever's BSE bill up by £7m

The continuing BSE scare has forced food and detergents group Unilever to write off E7 million - in addition to the £15 million written off earlier in the year, Chairman Sir Michael Perry disclosed the ongoing cost of the controversy in announcing a flat set of half-year figures, with pre-tax profits almost unchanged at £1.125 billion. Excluding ex ceptional charges, operating profit improved by 13 per cent in the first six months of the year. Market conditions in most territories remained 'substantially unchanged", Sir Michael said. The company said its

ecently acquired businesse - Helene Curtis, Diversey and Gorton's - were perform ing well, although restructuring, particularly of Helene Curtis, cost £60 million in exceptional charges.

Savings increase

National Savings, the statecontrolled savings institution. reported net receipts of £272 million last month, up by 268 million on the previous month. Pensioners Bond remains the savers' favourite

product, attracting £216 million, with sales of Premium Bonds contributing £95 million net.

Burger chief dies James McLamore, Burger Sing Corporation's co-founder, died yesterday of lung cancer. Mr McLamore, aged 70, founded the world's second-largest fast-food chain in 1954, with Dave Edearton and served as president or chairman for more than 21 years. "He was not just the co founder of the company, he was the heart of it," said Robert Lowes, Burger King chief executive. "He took a hamburger, the Whopper, and made it a household name."

BT won an extension of a temporary High Court injunction barring a rival, New World Payphones, from using tradi-tional "K6" phone kiosks. The continuation, until Tuesday, will allow BT to file evidence it hopes will resolve the issue next week.

Vauxhall price rise

price of its cars and light com-mercial vehicles by an average 1.7 per cent from midnight on August 19

BT ban extended

Vauxhall is to increase the

decide whether to continue with L&E as its publisher. L&E's prospectus said it was looking to raise £1.25 million from investors, valuing the 18-month-old outfit at £3 million. Mr Gold and Mr Hussain will make \$50,000

ance market gained momentum yesterday when the Hardy business announced its intention to merge its separate insurance operations into what will effectively be a small сошралу. The plan is to list Hardy

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Underwriting on the Alterna-tive Investment Market later this year, with a possible full listing in the future. It will be the first time a Lloyd's business has been listed on AIM, although several rival opera-tions already have full list-

Pauline Springett

HE restructuring of the Lloyd's of London insur-

The Lloyd's revamp will for the first time allow a group of Names to convert their unlimited liability investments in a syndicate into limited liabilty share stakes.

Until now a Name wishing to become an unlimited liability investor has had to go through a tortuous process. Hardy is taking advantage of a recent simplification of the

Peter Hardy, chairman of Hardy Underwriting and the main underwriter of syndi-

cate 382, said that none of the lan Traynor in Bonn 1,661 Names on his syndicate would be forced to give up un-HE latest scandal over west German magnates buying limited liability. However, he believed many would jump at the chance A number of Lloyd's Names lost vast sums of money after

Llovd's racked up more than £8 billion losses between 1988 and 1992 Hardy's Syndicate 382,

which specialises in belicop-ter insurance, has never made a loss and, since it was started in 1975, has produced an aver-age annual profit of 29 per

Hardy is currently structured in the traditional Lloyd's manner. ere is a managing agency

which looks after the syndi-cate, syndicate 382 itself, the unlimited liability Names and limited liability corporate capital, which together fund

the syndicate. Hardy's move is the latest in a series of changes which look certain to change the struc-ture of Lloyd's. Earlier this week, the largest corporate ve hicle, Limit, said it was planning to buy two of the market's largest under writing agencies, Bankside and Janen Green.

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up the east German economy enguifed the Düsseldorf-based Thyssen steel and engineering group yesterday when in-vestigators disclosed that its chairman, Dieter Vogel, was among 10 Thyseen executives ng charges for fraud. Mr Vogel, appearing briefly at a Düsseldorf court, was said to have posted ball of DM2.5 million (about £1 million) and agreed not to leave the country after returning from holiday to an arrest warrant. Berlin prosecutors allege he and another nine Thyssen ex-

ecutives are implicated in fraud damage of DM73 million (232 million) in connection with the purchase of an east German metals firm. The Thyssen case comes as

German business reels from a succession of scandals, abuse of subsidies and malpractices related to the post-unification buy-ups of east German companies. The cases have soured the mood between east and west Germans and embarrassed big names in German ousiness and banking.

after it was discovered that hundreds of millions of marks in subsidy for the restructuring of acquired eastern ship-yards had been diverted to prop up ailing western subsidiaries. Thyssen and the now dissolved Treuhand agency, arged with privatising east German industry, have been embroiled in a row for years

Thyssen directors face fraud trial

over post-unification purchases

over the sale to Thyssen of the east German Metallurgiehandel firm. Berlin prosecutors announced yesterday that Mr logel, head of Thyssen's trad-

ing division at the time and regarded as a leading younger-generation German executive, and his colleagues were wanted on suspicion of diverting up to DM73 million through fraudulent accounting in handling the acquisi-tion and wind-up of the east

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reopened in May.

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Thyssen said it considered

the arrest warrants illegal and

would combat the accusations

with all legal means at its

The investigation was

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City of hope holds its breath

The end of the Troubles brought prosperity to a battered corner of the province. Today's events could tip the balance. But Derry is hoping to stay in business. PETER **HETHERINGTON** reports

THE REAL PROPERTY AND A DECK estimates that £500 million olved in pulling a devastated quipment. Soon its 800cern is for companies we The tourist industry has been McGinnis, who runs a propborder strategy group emhas been invested in the city by the public and private secstrong workforce will expand by a further 350, three years thought were coming in our trail — many have spoken to hit with enormous cancella-tions. What is shocking most bracing Donegal County Council, Derry City Council city back from the brink repre sents a triumph of co-operaafter production started. A tion between divided commutor. Nine thousand new and two other Northern Ire-

Poised on the brink . . . The city which was beginning to rebuild stands in fear of the weekend's events

HE freshly painted slogan screams out from a gable end in the Bogside below Derry's 17th-cennities over the ever-present forces of darkness in their midst. It also represents an act of faith by a much criticised Nothing Has British government, which, in It is yet another ominous co-operation with local agenreminder that events, running

houses, two thirds of them pr vate, have been built. Unemployment has been halved to 15 per cent in a city where almost 60 per cent of the popul lation. now at over 100,000, is cies, has poured hundreds of millions into the reconstrucunder the age of 30. Employ-

European research and devel opment centre is well under vay on the site, Michael Caulfield, managing director, says they came because Northern. Ireland's government-backed Industrial Development

us personally — and a number have been sitting on inward invesiment projects, maybe me of them ready to sign up. Those projects, I feel, are now truly and profoundly at risk turn your TV to CNN in the States and what do you see -burning cars and a few hun-

people is the speed with which the years have been rolled ck...the most worrying thing was the street viole that came so quickly.

O'Docherty says the climate of confidence has been ground, but not aliminated altogether. as, he has

land local authorities. It has a small, European Union-funded secretariat in the city. Devine sees the day coming when the border will be irrele

vant, with an industrial zone embracing Donegal and Derry. Already the cross

erty company and is develop-ing a site for a new Sainsbury superstore in Derry, says: "It will be hard to defend a situation in the weeks and months ad of civil disorder break ing out over this weekend. It is a very fearful and frightening

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But Paddy Docherty, vet-ran Republican from the B

Today the Trust is Ireland's

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full circle in the city where the Troubles started - and where, ironically, peace broke out long before the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries' ceasefires almost two years ago.

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Changed'

By evoking memories of a bloody past, when the magnificent old city was devastated by bombing and rioting over a quarter of a century ago, the slogan hideously misrepre-sents the new Derry. "Things have changed - but it's a painful time for change," says Pat Devine, self-employed joiner and leader of the 17strong majority nationalist-leaning SDLP group on Derry City Council, which could hold power — but chooses to share an element of control with Unionists.

We are no model councilsimply struggling to find new ways of dealing with old problems . . . We are not miracle workers," he says.

But some think a minor miracle has been worked in Derry. When the Apprentice Boy's descend on the city today for their annual parade, the scale of reconstruction, and consequent revival, will be largely obscured by a thick se curity blanket, which has involved partly closing the historic walls to avoid widespread disorder.

Loyalist marchers, after all, want to celebrate the past, not address the future, while hardline Republicans are in no mood for compromise marching to commemorate another anniversary, internment, against the better judge ment of moderate nationalists.

This is a great pity. Because the monumental effort in-

tion drive for redevelopment of the centre: building new houses attracting new indus tries and creating thousands

Derry, in short, has a favoured status the envy of any British city — but then, it has iffered more than most At the height of the rioting and bombing in the seventies 5,300 houses were destroyed or badly damaged, and 130

Over the last 12 years, £500 million has been invested in the city

shops, offices and pubs gutted Government planners, who took over from a discredited Unionist council, suggested at one stage that the devastation was so extensive that the en-tire centre would have to rebuilt. A relative calm descended

on Derry in the late eighties. began to attract a range of les to nnanies, from texti high technology, which trans-formed the local economy -and the city quietly became an international success story. Like the business community, and an innovative local council which has even brought a £12 million airport to the city, Jim Foster, the senior civil servant in charge of planning a new Derry and attracting industry, is now holding his breath as march-

the most successful period in the city's history." says Foster. "People were looking for ward in a much more confldent frame of mind at a real prospect of further success For those familiar with the devasted Derry of the seventies, a drive towards the new

is that we were going through

ated in 10 years.

city confirms the transform tion — sweeping across a new bridge over the Foyle, north of the centre, with the gentle Donegal hills beckoning a few miles away. Past modern industrial and housing estates, plush executive homes and a growing university campus, you soon reach the splendour of the old Georgian terraces

running down to the river and a 265-million Foyleside shopa sooning on roytestice shop ping centre, developed by a Boston-Irish company. Derry seems to be taking some significant steps towards breaking the old taboos - particularly by de-

veloping cross-border institutions and companies tran-scending the seemingly pitiful

line separating Northern Irethe new breed of young enland from the rest of the old trepreneurs. They have province of Ulster helped push the province to the forefront in manufac-Then came the Drumcree

and-off in July, the riots in Derry and elsewhere, and the worst elements of sectarian bitterness which many thought had been consigned to

The fall in confidence is palnable. Take Seagate Techno ogy from California, which is nany American corporawell on the way to completing a £175 million plant making thin film heads for computer tions who see Northern Ireland as the most attractive location for serving Europe disc drives and data storage

high with 5,000 new jobs cregrants - namely up to half of the initial start-up costs of "The feeling until recently

£45 million. Seagate is well pleased with the quality of labour - it has tapped into the local University of Ulster College - and more than happy with the city. "We will not get cold eet," says Caufield. But others, about to make

investment decisions, clearly will. He concedes: "My con-

S CHAIRMAN of the Institute of Directors in Northern Ireland,

Alan McClure represents

Doubt stalks output boom

A future caught

and foreboding

dred throwing petrol hombs." A mid-July of disorder, fuelled by Drumcree, has simply turned the clock back. Garvan O'Docherty employs 200 in a string of up-market pubs and restaurants. He was planning

two Derry hotels; one with 40 bedrooms will be built, but th econd, with 60, has been put on ice.

He says: "It's absolutely the wrong time to go ahead now.

to spread his risks in future, by investing over the border in the Irish Republic a mile

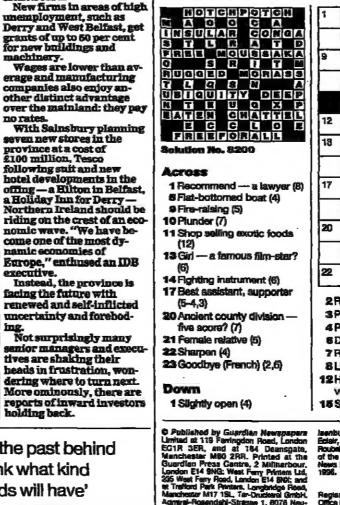
from the Derry boundary. In doing so, he is merel reinforcing a view shared by government planners, that Derry has to accept geo-graphic realities: namely that at least a third of its natural hinterland lies in the Repub lic. In the latest Derry area plan, just published, the Gov

ernment recognises for the first time the city's "wider regional role in the North-

One large company has al-ready broken the border taboo. Fruit Of The Loom, a joint venture between an American concern and an old established company in Bun-crana, Donegal, symbolises cross-border industrialisa-tion. It has five clothing facbetween promise tories in Donegal and a com-plementary spinning mill in Derry five miles away. Between them, the plants am-ploy 2,500 — and all exports are routed through Northern Ineland.

Mr Devine, the SDLP Derry uncil leader, chairs a cross-

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role in planning a free-trade area, which could mean -- US hearted. In the late sixties ha Congress permitting -- goods from north-west Ireland enter negotiated with the British Army to defuse the continuing the United States tariffing riots in Derry which fu-

der group is taking a leading

elled the wider troubles. Now John Hume, the local SDLP he runs Derry's Inner City MP, can take credit for bring-Trust — a redevelopment cum-job-creation scheme launched 15 years ago with ing several thousand new job to Derry through his US connections. He is not entirely 23000 from an American Irish pessimistic about the future, fund and another £3,000 from bank.

The climate of confidence has been eroded, but not eliminated

although he concedes that Drumcree "shattared a lot of people in Northern Ireland it was a very major setback-...created a lot of anger."

But like John McGinnis, president of the local Chambe of Commerce, he believes the city has the capacity to pull through — if there is no trou-ble on the streets.

his organisation has spent over £15 million building houses, flats, a craft village, a new museum and an international youth hostel in numer ous gap sites in Derry. Docharty bemoans the "terrible death wish on the part of some politicans". About time, he said, that they addressed the future instead of dwelling on the past — and, crucially, considered the awful ecoad of dwelling nomic consequences of fur-ther disorder. But he insists: "I am not despondent."

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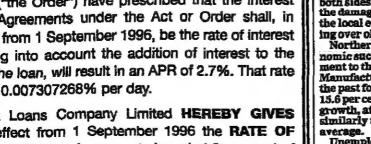
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Mr McClure is holding his breath this weekend. "We With Salnsbury planning have got to put the past beseven new stores in the hind us. I am trying to think what kind of future my province at a cost of 100 million, Tes following suit and new hotel developments in the offing — a Hilton in Belfast, a Holiday Inn for Derry — Northern Ireland should be three kids will have, what society they will live in. We that remember we only have a franchise to make sure we have a future for riding on the crest of an eco nomic wave. "We have be-come one of the most dy-With contemporaries who transcend the sectarnamic economies of Europe," enthused an IDB

ian divide, Mr McClure only wishes the zealots on both sides would consider executive. Instead, the province is the damage they inflict on the local economy by rakfacing the future with ing over old tribal sores. renewed and self-inflicted Northern Ireland's ecouncertainty and forebodnomic success is a tes ment to the peace dividend. Manufacturing output over Not surprisingly many senior managers and executives are shaking their the past four years is up 15.6 per cent while export heads in frustration, won growth, at 21 per cent, is similarly twice the UK dering where to turn next.

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companies by the Gover-ment's Industrial Developturing, where output is now twice the UK average. ment Board. New firms in areas of high His Derry-based com-pany, employing 140 in the unemployment, such as Derry and West Belfast, get manufacture of specialist medical packaging, recently became part of a big US concern — one of the grants of up to 50 per cent for new buildings and

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